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1. Action Canada for Population and Development

Special, 2004

Significant changes in the organization

Owing to a decrease in funding resulting from the global financial crisis, the organization ended the reporting period with three full-time staff members, despite having begun the period with six staff members.

Contribution to the work of the United Nations

The organization works in a few key ways to contribute to the work of the United Nations. First, it works within the United Nations system to raise awareness of violations of sexual and reproductive rights and to urge action on such matters. That includes meeting with diplomats during sessions of United Nations bodies to draw their attention to the issues. It is also involved in the mechanisms of the United Nations human rights system, including two key submechanisms of the Human Rights Council, namely, the system of special procedures and the universal periodic review.

Second, the organization works with Government officials and parliamentarians in Canada to raise awareness of global problems relating to sexual and reproductive health and rights and to urge the Government of Canada to meet financial targets with respect to official development assistance and greater investments in sexual and reproductive health. Such efforts relate directly to advancing progress towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals.

Third, the organization engages in building the capacity of civil society organizations around the world with respect to how to use the United Nations human rights system to advance human rights within their country.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization has actively participated in the following meetings of the United Nations during the reporting period:

- Every session of the Human Rights Council, including plenary meetings and negotiations on resolutions relevant to the mandate of the organization, for which it made oral statements
- Every session of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review, including observing its proceedings
- Plenary and parallel meetings of every session of the Commission on the Status of Women, except for the fifty-fifth session, held in 2011
- Plenary and parallel meetings of every session of the Commission on Population and Development, except for the forty-first session, held in 2008

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization has worked closely with UNFPA and hosted the Canadian launch of its annual *State of World Population Report* during the reporting period. In addition, the organization attended an expert meeting held in New York on 8 and 9 October 2009 by UNFPA relating to sexual and reproductive health. It also

co-organized parallel events on human rights-based approaches to reducing maternal mortality and morbidity, featuring the participation of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), the World Health Organization and UNFPA. The events were held in the margins of the eleventh and eighteenth sessions of the Human Rights Council.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization has conducted research on the amounts of official development assistance that the Government of Canada devotes to sexual and reproductive health. The organization has engaged Canadian parliamentarians and media in generating awareness of its findings, in order for the Government of Canada to increase its resource allocations in such areas and meet the United Nations target of allocating 0.7 per cent of gross national income to official development assistance. The organization and an all-party parliamentary group on population and development have co-hosted numerous public events on Parliament Hill in Ottawa designed to raise the awareness of legislators and policymakers on sexual and reproductive health realities overseas and of the role of Canada in addressing such issues.

During the reporting period, the organization also worked with other partners of the International Initiative on Maternal Mortality and Human Rights to raise awareness of the problem of maternal mortality as a human rights violation and of the importance of using human rights-based approaches in maternal mortality-related policies and programmes.

2. African Aid Organization

Special, 2008

Introduction

The organization is devoted to providing education, nutrition, support services and care to children infected with or affected by HIV/AIDS and to their loved ones in sub-Saharan Africa.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aim of the organization is to increase the commitment and abilities of young people to avoid or reduce behaviours that put them at risk of infection of HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases. It increases awareness through a series of theatrical presentation workshops, outreach sessions, educational and documentary films and student interventions and through HIV/AIDS clubs set up in schools in Burkina Faso and Cameroon. In addition to raising awareness about HIV/AIDS, the organization provides the means to minimize the effects of extreme poverty, which strikes mostly when household resources prove insufficient to secure the essentials of dignified living. It also works to prevent young girls from engaging in sex work as a survival strategy. The organization actively works to educate children about behavioural change strategies in an effort to help them understand that they may be part of the solution.

Significant changes in the organization

During the reporting period, the organization changed its name from African Child Care Association to African Aid Organization.

Contribution to the work of the United Nations

During the reporting period, the organization successfully carried out programmes on behavioural change (which it considers to be the most important, if not the only route to prevention) and education, and provided such support as poverty reduction programmes, nutritional advice and food to the most needy families, particularly vulnerable young single mothers. Its programmes are always recalibrated to keep their effectiveness intact. Its target population is children up to the age of 24 and their loved ones. In terms of support, the organization has developed easily understood methods to address women's most critical needs, in order to unleash their potential to help communities lift themselves out of extreme poverty by providing them with tools, strategies and resources to help them increase and save their earnings. To reach more people in the communities, the organization has created and implemented HIV/AIDS clubs in schools, in which it coaches boys and girls about HIV/AIDS and provides them with tools to protect themselves. They then go to their respective communities to educate other individuals on the facts regarding HIV/AIDS, in order to help overcome the causes of intolerance, stigma and discrimination.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period, the organization did not participate in the work of the Council and its subsidiary bodies as it focuses its activities on the development and implementation of programmes to prevent HIV/AIDS, reduce poverty and increase social awareness, and on expanding its knowledge on the matter, working mainly with local organizations in Burkina Faso, Cameroon and Uganda.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

During the reporting period, the organization did not take part in projects in collaboration with United Nations bodies or specialized agencies in the field or at Headquarters. However, having opened an office in New York in November 2011, its representatives will be willing to get involved with United Nations bodies or specialized agencies projects at Headquarters.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

During the reporting period, the organization contributed to the Millennium Development Goals in Burkina Faso, Cameroon and Uganda by:

- Providing nutritional advice and food to 1,317 children and needy families
- Fighting HIV/AIDS and extreme poverty through its programmes and initiatives
- Connecting pregnant and nursing mothers with the care they need

In addition, the organization observes World AIDS Day each year on 1 December. Its biggest World AIDS Day ceremony was held in September 2009 at the regional

hospital of Mbalmayo, Cameroon. The event resulted in a turnout of several hundred people, including a Chinese delegation from a local Chinese clinic.

Additional information

Since its inception, the organization has been guided by a fundamental commitment to human rights and the alleviation of human suffering. Through its programmes, the organization works to achieve the goal of universal access to prevention, treatment and care. It also fights extreme poverty and discrimination in sub-Saharan Africa.

3. Agency for Cooperation and Research in Development

Special, 2008

Contribution to the work of the United Nations

During the reporting period, the organization pursued rights-based development and social justice in Africa, working with communities on livelihoods and food sovereignty, HIV/AIDS, peacebuilding and women's rights. It also conducted related research, campaigns and advocacy at the pan-African and international levels.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period, the organization participated in the fifty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York in 2011. On 24 February 2011, it organized a side event on protection and restitution for survivors of sexual and gender-based violence and disseminated a research report from the Great Lakes region.

The organization also participated in the fifty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York in March 2010.

The organization was invited by the Economic Commission for Africa to a dialogue on the Millennium Development Goals, held in Accra in November 2011.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

During the reporting period, the organization collaborated with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in several African countries to:

- Strengthen the livelihoods of vulnerable households affected by food and pastoral crises, reaching 4,000 beneficiaries in Hadjer Lamis and Guera, Chad, in 2011
- Support 5,200 vulnerable households in western and central Sahel, Chad, in 2011, by helping them to grow vegetables
- Implement an animal health project in Gambella, Ethiopia, in 2008
- Support the food security and livelihoods of vulnerable returnees in five villages in Kassala state, the Sudan, in 2008
- Support the training of community animal health workers in the Sudan in 2008

- Distribute assorted vegetable seeds to 7,900 households in the Sudan in 2008

The organization cooperated with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to:

- Carry out a study of women's associations in Burundi in 2009
- Implement a project to provide HIV/AIDS services to truck drivers and female sex workers in Kassala, Port Sudan and Khartoum, the Sudan, in 2008 and 2009
- Implement projects to improve livelihoods and food security for people in the Halaib community in Red Sea Hills, the Sudan, in 2009 and 2011
- Support community dialogue and reconciliation in Kenya in the aftermath of election-related violence, in 2010 and 2011

The organization cooperated with UNESCO to create a workshop on conflict prevention and a peacebuilding network for the Great Lakes region and the Horn of Africa in Burundi in 2010.

The organization cooperated with UNFPA to provide vocational training to young people in Burundi in 2008 and 2009, and to provide information about reproductive health and preventing HIV/AIDS to young people in schools in the Sudan in 2011.

The organization cooperated with UNHCR to:

- Provide support to refugees from Côte d'Ivoire, Liberia and other countries who are living in Guinea, in 2009-2011
- Provide small business assistance, extensions, training and seminars under a local settlement programme in Guinea, in 2008
- Implement a project to provide protection and assistance to refugees and asylum seekers in eastern regions of the Sudan, in 2010 and 2011
- Carry out activities to improve the livelihoods of camp-based refugees in eastern regions of the Sudan, in 2008 and 2009

The organization cooperated with UNICEF to:

- Disseminate best practices on community hygiene and sanitation in Chad, in 2011
- Promote awareness of breastfeeding and infant diet in Hodh El Gharbi, Mauritania, in 2010 and 2011
- Provide psychosocial support to children affected by war, in Kassala state, the Sudan, in 2009
- Promote sanitation and hygiene practices in resettling communities, in Gulu, Uganda, in 2009
- Implement a hepatitis E emergency response project in Uganda, in 2008 and 2009
- Increase the use of long-lasting insecticide-treated nets and oral rehydration treatments in Gulu in 2008

The organization cooperated with the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) and UN-Women to:

- Implement a project to combat gender inequality and the exclusion of women, in Mushi, Democratic Republic of the Congo, in 2010 and 2011
- Achieve the sustainable empowerment of South Sudanese women in the democratic process in the 2010 elections
- Help to advance the role of women in peacebuilding through their socioeconomic empowerment, in Bujumbura Mairie, Burundi, in 2008

The organization cooperated with the World Food Programme to conduct agricultural extension, assess land use and crop yield and monitor distribution in refugee settlements in Adjumani and Moyo, Uganda, in 2008.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The work of the organization helped to achieve Goals 1, 3 and 6 of the Millennium Development Goals through its:

- Support to small-scale farmers and pastoralists, particularly women, to improve their agricultural production and income and participate in policymaking
- Programme entitled "Hidden war crimes: stopping impunity on sexual- and gender-based violence in the Great Lakes region" from 2009 to 2011, funded by the Government of the Netherlands
- Activities to stop HIV/AIDS-related stigma and discrimination and raise awareness of and implement workplace policies on HIV/AIDS

Additional information

In 2011, the organization, with UNDP in Kenya and the Kenyan National Steering Committee on Peacebuilding and Conflict Management, published "Community peace recovery and reconciliation: a handbook for generating leadership for sustainable peace and recovery among divided communities".

4. Al-Haq

Special, 2000

Introduction

Al-Haq is an independent Palestinian non-governmental human rights organization based in Ramallah, West Bank. It was established in 1979 to protect and promote human rights and the rule of law in the Occupied Palestinian Territory.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization advocates nationally and internationally to promote the rule of law and respect for human rights in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, through legal research, documentation and building capacity to address violations of the

individual and collective rights of Palestinians under international law, irrespective of the identity of the perpetrator.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no changes.

Contribution to the work of the United Nations

The organization has contributed to the development agenda of the United Nations by pursuing universal respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms for all Palestinians in the Occupied Palestinian Territory. It also works on issues of protected persons in armed conflict and accountability for breaches of international law. It does that by utilizing the overarching legal framework provided by the norms and instruments of international human rights and international humanitarian law.

The core activities of the organization focus on the following areas:

(a) The promotion of laws and policies at the national and international levels that respect and comply with international law;

(b) The pursuance of accountability of perpetrators and justice for victims of international human rights and humanitarian law violations in the Occupied Palestinian Territory;

(c) The development of the work of the organization as a centre for applied international humanitarian and human rights law.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The United Nations remains an important forum for the international advocacy of the organization, for which its long-standing work in the Occupied Palestinian Territory and strong legal analysis are major assets in promoting an end to the occupation and the respect of the fundamental rights of the Palestinian people. The presence of the organization at the United Nations is all the more important as it is one of the few voices, and often the only voice, of Palestinian civil society.

Examples of meetings and cooperation of the organization with United Nations bodies are given below.

In 2008, the organization attended the seventh and eighth regular sessions of the Human Rights Council, at which it submitted oral and written statements.

In 2009, it participated in the ninth special session of the Human Rights Council, at which the Council adopted a resolution calling for a fact-finding mission to be established.

In 2010, the organization attended the thirteenth to fifteenth regular sessions of the Human Rights Council, held in Geneva, at which it made oral and written interventions, specifically on Israeli violations of religious freedom and freedom of movement at the thirteenth session, and on forcible transfers at the fourteenth session.

In 2011, it attended the sixteenth to eighteenth regular sessions of the Human Rights Council, held in Geneva, at which it made oral and written statements.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In preparing written submissions for the universal periodic review of Israel, in December 2008, the organization coordinated a coalition of Palestinian NGOs. In May 2009, it participated in the Committee against Torture, which included a review of the compliance of Israel with the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.

In July 2009, the organization submitted its alternative report to the Human Rights Committee regarding the violations and failed implementation of Israel of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. In July 2010, it submitted two alternative reports to the Human Rights Committee outlining serious concerns about violations of the Covenant committed in the occupied Palestinian territories, with the support of evidence, factual information and a legal analysis.

In November 2010, the organization submitted an alternative report to the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights highlighting the failure of Israel to implement the obligations of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in the occupied Palestinian territories.

In November 2011, it presented two parallel reports to the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, to shed light on the failure of Israel to uphold the basic rights enshrined in the Covenant.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The documentation and advocacy work of the organization encompasses the implementation of some of the Millennium Development Goals in relation to the occupied Palestinian territories, such as the eradication of poverty and hunger, the achievement of universal primary education, the reduction of child mortality, the improvement of maternal health and ensuring environmental sustainability.

5. Bharat Sevashram Sangha

Special, 2008

Introduction

Bharat Sevashram Sangha is a spiritual brotherhood of monks and selfless workers devoted to the service of humanity. It was founded in 1917 by Acharya Srimat Swami Pranavanandaji Maharaj. It is a philanthropic and charitable organization with a non-sectarian, non-communal and non-political character and outlook.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aims and purposes of the organization are to:

- Help the distressed, nurse the sick, feed the hungry and clothe the naked
- Give necessary relief to people affected by flood, famine or other disasters in India
- Establish *Sevashram* (centres of service) in different parts of the country and maintain, administer and assist free educational and medical institutions and

other charitable societies to help to spread education and provide help to the needy

- Improve the social and material condition of the people by encouraging home-industry, irrespective of caste and creed
- Create, assist, preach, propagate and foster the spiritual, cultural and ancient heritage of India
- Promote sympathy, tolerance, goodwill and unity among the followers of different faiths, so as to evolve a high sense of religious and social goodwill and peaceful coexistence
- Promote educational facilities in the land, particularly among people with special needs, outcasts and the depressed classes

Significant changes in the organization

The organization continues to expand its activities in all areas, thereby continuing to strive to achieve all Millennium Development Goals.

Contribution to the work of the United Nations

The contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations is demonstrated by its representative to the United Nations, who collaborates with other faiths and travels to various countries to resolve conflicts. Sponsored by other NGOs, the representative has travelled to Israel, Lebanon, the Republic of Korea and the Syrian Arab Republic to bring peace to those regions. The representative attended goodwill meetings in Australia, Japan and Malaysia.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The representative of the organization is on the mailing list of various United Nations departments; he has eagerly and anxiously attended various United Nations meetings at Headquarters and will continue to do so.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The representative of the organization is the Vice-Chair of the Committee on Spirituality, Values and Global Concerns, a committee of the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations. The aim of that Committee is to engage United Nations departments and Member States to institute spirituality as an ingredient in conflict resolution.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization works with aboriginal people in Fiji, Guyana, India and Nepal. It has expanded its mobile medical unit in order to reach the remotest villages and has added more schools and hospitals at its various centres. It has established another industrial training institute and will be starting similar institutes in its other centres.

Additional information

The organization is looking to further increase its involvement with all United Nations departments and to engage local governments in collaboration with United Nations agencies at the grass-roots level.

6. Black Sea Civil Society Solidarity Association

Special, 2008

Introduction

With a membership comprising 23 NGOs, the organization is one of the largest and most active NGO confederations in Turkey.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The main purpose of the organization is to improve the quality of life of its members throughout the Black Sea region of Turkey by improving the environmental, living, human rights and business conditions of its members.

The organization feels empowered to do its job by its consultative status with the Council, which allows it to participate at various meetings held at the United Nations and learn from other NGOs around the world.

Significant changes in the organization

The organization feels more knowledgeable about its ways of improving the quality of life of its members, by contacting and exchanging ideas with other NGOs around the world.

Contribution to the work of the United Nations

During the reporting period, the organization participated in numerous meetings and conferences open to NGOs and described and shared its experiences as an NGO confederation. Most of the opinions declared at the meetings were well received by the attendees and requests for more information were made.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

A representative of the organization attended several open-ended conferences, met with other NGOs and exchanged opinions on women's rights, ageing and the rights of disabled people. The representative exchanged opinions with another NGO in consultative status with the Council, Global Action on Aging, on the rights and conditions of the elderly in Turkey. The video interview will be shown to all member NGOs of the organization in Turkey and may be used in a television advertisement of Global Action on Aging.

Additional information

On the strength of the benefits and knowledge that the organization has gained through its activities with the United Nations, it decided to encourage other large NGOs in Turkey to apply for consultative status with the Council.

7. Center for Egyptian Women's Legal Assistance Foundation

Special, 2008

Contribution to the work of the United Nations

During the reporting period, the Center for Egyptian Women's Legal Assistance Foundation contributed to the work of United Nations by:

- Submitting a shadow report on violence against women and the reform of discriminatory articles in family law to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women at its forty-fifth session, held in Geneva from 18 January to 5 February 2010
- Contributing to the preparation and submission of a collective shadow report prepared by an Egyptian coalition on the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, on incest and divorce in Christianity
- Giving a presentation during the aforementioned session of the Committee, on behalf of 18 participating NGOs from Egypt, at an informal meeting with Committee members
- Lobbying policymakers at the national level for the implementation of Committee recommendations
- Participating in a programme entitled "From global to local", organized by the NGO International Women's Rights Action Watch Asia Pacific, held in Geneva in January 2010, focusing on preparing oral statements, organizing lunch meetings with Committee members, lobbying individual Committee members and making recommendations for concluding observations

The organization was selected to be the Middle East coordinator of a global movement for equality and justice in Muslim families, comprising NGOs, activists, scholars, practitioners, policymakers and women and men who work for equality and justice in Muslim families, in compliance with equality and rights as stipulated by the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York in March 2009. The theme of the session was "The equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including caregiving in the context of HIV/AIDS". A member of the organization was appointed to the drafting committee for the statement by the African Women's Caucus. The member was also the facilitator for the African Caucus session, tasked with discussing the draft statement and lobbying. The member formulated and promoted an international campaign on affordable AIDS drugs and lobbied heavily until it was adopted by the AIDS Caucus.

The organization participated in the fifty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held from 1 to 12 March 2010, on the 15-year review of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action.

As a founding member of the Arab Women's Network "Roa'a", the organization participated in writing a shadow report on the implementation of the Beijing

Platform for Action in Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine, Saudi Arabia and the Syrian Arab Republic.

In February 2010, the organization participated in the universal periodic review of Egypt, as part of the seventh session of the Human Rights Council, for which it took part in writing and submitting a shadow report focusing on violence against women in Egypt, sexual harassment against women, children's rights, child labour and education.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In March 2009, the organization submitted a project proposal entitled "For an Egyptian family law, for more justice for Muslim and Christian women" to the United Nations Development Fund for Women.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization carried out a project entitled "Reproductive health for women" that raised awareness through public seminars on issues related to maternal health, such as premarital tests, the most common sexual problems and sexually transmitted diseases, the stages of pregnancy and childbirth, unsafe home births and infections due to pregnancy.

During the reporting period, the organization provided literacy classes to 394 people and educational services to 265 people to pursue their education.

It also carried out advocacy campaigns that included training sessions, seminars and round-table discussions with decision makers, aimed at promoting gender equality and empowering women.

The organization fights hard to promote women's issues in the framework of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, human rights conventions and the constitutional liabilities of Egypt. The issues include violence against women, women's issues and the path of democracy, political reform and the personal status law.

8. Children International

Special, 2008

Introduction

Children International is a non-governmental humanitarian organization that focuses on the health and education of children and youth. It works in Chile, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, India, Mexico, the Philippines, the United States of America and Zambia.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The mission of the organization is to bring real and lasting change to children living in poverty. In partnership with contributors, it reduces their daily struggles, invests in their potential and provides them with the opportunity to grow to become healthy, educated and prepared to succeed and contribute to society.

Contribution to the work of the United Nations

The work of the organization supports the Millennium Development Goals. During the reporting period, the organization provided expert consultation on youth issues and media awareness for several United Nations campaigns. It participated in the Stand Up and Take Action against Poverty initiative from 2008 to 2010, through news releases and social media posts in the United States and other countries. It also participated with the Friendship Ambassadors Foundation in activities for International Youth Day in 2008 and 2009, by sending 11 youths from 11 countries to speak at the events. In 2010 and 2011, owing to the global economic crisis, Children International was financially unable to participate.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In the Philippines, Children International has a close and ongoing relationship with the UNESCO cluster office, with which it partners to provide psychosocial care to children in areas affected by typhoons or other disasters. In July 2011, a representative of the organization participated in the preparations for the High-level Meeting on Youth, held at Headquarters. In March 2011, the representative participated in the event held by UNESCO to launch its "2011 Education for All Global Monitoring Report".

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization has special consultative status with the United Nations regarding youth issues. Every year, it supports and observes Universal Children's Day and International Youth Day. The organization continually reaches out to UNICEF offices in the 11 countries where it operates, with little response. It cooperates with the United Nations on youth issues. In October 2011, the United Nations Federal Credit Union selected Children International as a beneficiary charity of the annual employee awareness campaign.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The work of the organization encompasses and supports all of the Millennium Development Goals. Every year, through its youth programmes, the organization performs reforestation activities in the Dominican Republic, environmental clean-up events in Guadalajara, Mexico, and microcredit programmes in Guatemala to benefit small business owners. The organization uses social media to disseminate news to commemorate International Youth Day, Universal Children's Day and World AIDS Day, and about the Stand Up and Take Action against Poverty initiative.

Additional information

During the reporting period, the organization supported the Millennium Development Goals by dedicating four pages on its website to International Youth Day and by issuing 15 multimedia news releases, 20 newsletter articles and three annual "youth report cards". In 2008, with the support of the organization, four youths participated in International Youth Day activities in New York. Two of them won Youth Achievement Awards for their work with environmental issues. In 2009, 11 youths, one from each of the countries in which the organization operates, participated in an International Youth Day event at Headquarters. One of them won

the Outstanding Youth Achievement Award for implementing a microcredit programme in Guatemala. A youth from Honduras spoke at the plenary session of the event. Three other youths led a workshop on community development projects at the event.

9. Endeavour Forum

Special, 2000

Introduction

Endeavour Forum is a pro-family women's NGO based in Australia that has links with similar groups overseas.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Endeavour Forum aims to enhance the status of women, in particular in the roles unique to women, such as pregnancy, childbirth and breastfeeding.

Contribution to the work of the United Nations

The organization regularly attends meetings of the Commission on the Status of Women in New York and organizes parallel NGO events.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period, the organization participated in every session of the Commission on the Status of Women.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization cooperates with the United Nations on issues pertaining to women's health and human rights and to the rights and welfare of children through UNICEF.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The main initiative of the organization was at the sixty-third United Nations Department of Public Information/Non-Governmental Organizations Conference, held in Melbourne, Australia, in 2010, at which it had a booth, sponsored several youth delegates and held a parallel event.

Additional information

Endeavour Forum is concerned about the rise in sex trafficking in women and the rise in sexually transmitted diseases, and aims to alleviate the poverty of women, which leads to such abuses.

10. Global Foundation for Democracy and Development

Special, 2004

Contribution to the work of the United Nations

The organization is dedicated to promoting and advancing issues at the forefront of the United Nations agenda.

In 2008, the organization launched the online "Dominican Encyclopedic Dictionary of the Environment", which in 2011 was converted into a print publication.

Other programmes related to the environment include training sessions on biodiversity protection for more than 100 judicial officials from the Dominican Republic, Haiti and Jamaica in 2008 and 2009, in association with the Environmental Law Institute and the United Nations; training sessions for civil servants on payments for ecological services in 2009 and 2010, in partnership with the Organization of American States; and a national meeting on marine mammals in 2009.

In 2011, the organization created the first ever "Dominican Republic Environmental Film Festival".

The organization has collaborated with the United Nations Association of the Dominican Republic to coordinate annual Model United Nations educational simulations in the Dominican Republic, Haiti, the United States and France.

Since 2005, the organization has been the organizing institution and host of Virtual Educa Caribe, an initiative that unites experts in education, technology and professional development from the public, private and not-for-profit sectors.

In 2009, the organization opened the Juan Bosch Library, providing universal access to books, academic journals, United Nations reports and multimedia materials.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the nineteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, held in New York from 2 to 13 May 2011, at which it organized a side event entitled "Global perspectives on gold mining: evaluating potential and constraints".

It also participated in the forty-fourth session of the Commission on Population and Development, held from 11 to 15 April 2011, at which it organized a side event entitled "Mainstreaming mental health within public health paradigms: a global look at advances and challenges".

At the second UNFPA conference on Population Dynamics and Climate Change, held in Mexico City from 13 to 15 October 2010, the organization called attention to population and climate change challenges in the Dominican Republic and the actions being taken to confront the challenges.

During the thematic debate on gender equality and the empowerment of women, held as part of the 2010 high-level segment of the Council, from 28 June to 2 July 2010, the organization organized a side event entitled "Empowerment of young women through the youth delegates to the United Nations programme".

At the eighteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, held in New York from 3 to 14 May 2010, the organization arranged a side event entitled "A multidimensional approach to sustainable development and the Millennium Development Goals: the Santo Domingo metro system as a model for mass sustainable transport".

At the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development multi-year expert meeting on commodities and development, held in Geneva on 6 and 7 April 2009, the organization presented a report entitled "Struggling with commodity price swings as a challenge to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals".

At the sixty-first United Nations Department of Public Information/ Non-Governmental Organizations Conference, held in Paris from 3 to 5 September 2008, the organization organized a panel to discuss proposals devised by Dominican and Haitian youth concerning strategies for strengthening respect for human dignity on the island of Hispaniola.

The organization participated in the Innovation Fair of the Council, from 30 June to 3 July 2008.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

From 17 to 20 July 2011, the organization held a three-day academic conference entitled "The presence of Africa in the Caribbean, the Antilles and the United States", in partnership with the Dominican National Commission for UNESCO.

On 11 August 2010, the organization partnered with UNFPA to coordinate the forum entitled "Population dynamics and climate change: linkages and policy implications".

From 25 to 27 August 2008 and from 21 to 23 April 2009, the organization partnered with the United Nations Environment Programme to offer training on biodiversity for judges.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

In addition to carrying out relevant research, the organization coordinates specific programmes that help to fulfil Goals 3, 7 and 8 of the Millennium Development Goals.

Hundreds of women benefit from the initiatives of the organization each year. Through participation in the Model United Nations initiative, hundreds of young women from the Dominican Republic and other countries receive the opportunity to learn about world affairs and the work of the United Nations system.

Through its conferences, publications and professional development and awareness-raising initiatives, the organization works to promote environmental stewardship.

The organization partners with international institutions to promote the exchange of knowledge and best practices. The organization develops partnerships for development through the Global Media Arts Institute, the Dominican Republic Global Film Festival and the Dominican Republic Environmental Film Festival.

Such initiatives serve as catalysts for the expansion of the cinematographic industry in the Dominican Republic.

11. GOI Peace Foundation

Special, 2004

Significant changes in the organization

In April 2010, the GOI Peace Foundation was authorized by the Government of Japan as a public interest incorporated foundation qualified to receive tax-deductible contributions.

Contribution to the work of the United Nations

In order to address the social, economic, cultural and environmental problems of today, the organization focuses primarily on awareness-raising and education for peace and sustainable development, local and global community-building, and the empowerment of citizens, especially young people.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization was represented at the forty-seventh, forty-eighth and forty-ninth sessions of the Commission for Social Development, held in New York in 2009, 2010 and 2011, respectively.

The President of the organization made an oral statement at the UNESCO Partners' Forum, held in Paris on 5 October 2009, on the theme "Partnerships in movement".

On 1 April 2010, a representative of the organization made an oral presentation at the 184th session of the UNESCO Committee on International Non-Governmental Organizations of the Executive Board, on the theme "NGOs' activities and concrete examples of cooperation with UNESCO".

The organization submitted a written statement entitled "Earth kids space: an innovative programme for quality education" for the annual ministerial review, as part of the 2011 high-level segment of the Council, held in Geneva from 4 to 29 July 2011 (see E/2011/NGO/69).

Representatives of the organization attended as observers the sixth UNESCO Youth Forum, held from 1 to 3 October 2009; the thirty-fifth session of the UNESCO General Conference, held from 6 to 23 October 2009; and the thirty-sixth session of the UNESCO General Conference, held from 25 October to 10 November 2011.

The organization was represented at the second UNESCO Asian Youth Forum, held in Gwangju, Republic of Korea, from 26 to 30 June 2008 and at several meetings in Tokyo, including the International Labour Organization (ILO) Peacebuilding Forum Joint Public Seminar, entitled "Making peace through decent work", held on 28 January 2008; a meeting of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, held on 27 March 2008; the UNESCO/United Nations University international conference entitled "Africa and globalization: learning from the past, enabling a better future", held on 28 and 29 September 2009; and the United Nations University interactive seminar entitled "Introducing sustainability science", held on 14 November 2011.

A representative of the organization attended the United Nations Institute for Training and Research public sessions, held in Hiroshima, Japan, on 6 April, 13 May and 6 July 2011.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization cooperated with UNESCO as an official partner of the seventh UNESCO Youth Forum, held in Paris from 17 to 20 October 2011, during which it organized various programmes and made a financial contribution to support the event production and the participation of youths from least developed countries and disadvantaged groups.

During the reporting period, the organization co-organized with UNESCO the annual International Essay Contest for Young People to empower the youth of the world and promote a culture of peace and sustainable development.

It also organized an event held in Geneva on 14 September 2009 to commemorate the 90th anniversary of ILO and highlight the Millennium Development Goals, in order to advance opportunities for all people to obtain decent and productive work.

In December 2010, the educational programme of the organization, entitled "Earth kids space", was recognized as an official activity of the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

During the reporting period, the organization and its members participated in the Stand Up and Take Action against Poverty initiative, as well as events to mark the International Day of Peace and to promote the Millennium Development Goals.

Through its "Earth kids space" programme, the organization provided education for sustainable development in 34 centres in Japan and worldwide.

Every year during the reporting period, the organization held a peace foundation forum in Tokyo to address peacebuilding and sustainable development through topics such as philanthropy, new science, human development, community-building and social entrepreneurship.

It also held public lectures on values for the twenty-first century, for which 16 events were held in Japan during the reporting period. As part of the lectures, forward-thinking experts in various fields discussed new knowledge and wisdom for creating a viable world.

It also delivered a lecture series by ambassadors on "Cultural diversity in a globalized world" at Gunma Prefectural Women's University, Japan.

In 2010 and 2011, the organization held bimonthly dialogues on "Living in a new civilization", to build sustainable lifestyle communities.

From 18 to 24 February 2008, the organization participated in a symposium and exchange programme of Asian educators in Tokyo on the theme "Creating a culture of peace through education".

The organization arranged a summer camp for young people to raise environmental and ecological awareness, in Nagano, Japan, from 23 to 25 July 2011.

The organization produced three publications of articles by leading civil society organizations, visionaries, business leaders and social entrepreneurs, in which they discussed social innovation for a just and sustainable world.

12. Gran Fraternidad Universal

Special, 2000

Contribution to the work of the United Nations

During the reporting period, the organization hosted two international forums on interfaith themes, at which official representatives of Buddhism, Taoism, Judaism, Christianity, Islamism, Hinduism and indigenous groups participated. Representatives of the organization helped to set the objectives of promoting religious freedom and educating individuals in order to exercise greater tolerance for other religions.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In 2010, the organization was represented at the sixty-third United Nations Department of Public Information/Non-Governmental Organizations Conference, held in Melbourne, Australia, with the purpose of acquiring information for dissemination to its members in the 23 countries in which it is present.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

During the reporting period, the organization worked with the Environmental Committee of the United Nations Association of Australia on a special project addressing the role of overpopulation.

From 26 July to 16 August 2009, in an effort to make advances in the culture of peace, the organization held the fifth international summit of children and youth for peace in Mexico City, Tarimoro and Guanajuato, Mexico, with an attendance of 5,000 people. The main objective of the event was to educate young people on cultural peace and the environment and establish a psychophysical culture for human and personal development. Eleven countries participated in the event, whose supporters included UNESCO, the International Committee of the Red Cross, the government of the Federal District of Mexico City and the Secretary of Culture for Mexico.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

To achieve universal primary education, the organization provided:

- Free elementary school classes to 480 children
- Psychophysical and martial arts exercises to 4,124 children
- Art workshops and exhibitions to 4,602 people
- School supplies packets to 1,259 children
- Educational training to 208 teachers

To promote gender equality and the empowerment of women, the organization provided:

- Psychophysical exercises for 19,853 women
- Preventive medicine instruction for 10,620 women
- Preventive education to 3,490 sex workers
- Cultural activities, including art, music, languages and martial arts, to 4,888 people
- Schooling for 3,873 parents
- Workshops on wholesome cooking to 14,328 people
- Conferences on the relationship between men and women to 1,480 people

To reduce child mortality, the organization provided:

- Prenatal education to 10,601 people
- Medical consultations to 2,807 people
- Workshops on early intervention, nutrition for babies and natural birth to 1,620 people

To improve maternal health, the organization provided:

- Conferences on prenatal education to 19,851 people
- Psychological orientation to 4,642 women
- Courses on alternative therapies to 1,390 people
- Medical consultations to 200 people
- Treatments for early intervention before and after birth and breastfeeding to 620 people
- Instruction on preparing for birth using yoga to 994 women
- Counselling on fertility, breastfeeding and child education to 820 people

To combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases, the organization provided:

- Conferences on preventive medicine and healthy loving partner relationships to 2,422 people
- Workshops on sexually transmitted diseases to 667 people
- Medical consultations to 540 people
- Food and health care to 600 homeless people
- Alternative therapy treatment to 980 people suffering from fibromyalgia
- Conferences on physical, emotional and spiritual development reaching 10,334 people
- Psychophysical exercises and yoga classes to 10,532 people, including senior citizens and psychiatric patients

To ensure environmental sustainability, the organization:

- Held walks and hikes to promote environmental protection for 2,057 people
- Provided ecological workshops to 3,120 people
- Planted 5,663 trees
- Held workshops on conservation techniques for 295 children

13. Inter-American Statistical Institute

Special, 1952

Introduction

The Inter-American Statistical Institute is a professional organization aimed at promoting statistical development in the American region.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The objectives of the organization are (a) to develop and strengthen the statistical profession; (b) to promote and disseminate advances in statistical theory and methods; (c) to improve the methodology for production of both governmental and non-governmental statistics; (d) to promote measures aimed at improving the comparability and availability of economic and social statistics among the nations of the region; and (e) to cooperate with national and international organizations in activities aimed at statistical improvement in the region.

Contribution to the work of the United Nations

The secretariat of the organization regularly submits basic information for the preparation of reports to the sessions of the Statistical Commission. Information on the statistical activities of the United Nations and its subsidiary bodies is regularly disseminated through the newsletter and web page of the organization.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Delegations from the organization, headed by its technical secretary, attended the thirty-ninth to the forty-first sessions of the Statistical Commission, held in New York.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The technical secretary of the organization attended the sixth meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), held in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, in 2011. During the reporting period, the technical secretary also participated in the eighth to tenth meetings of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas, held in Santo Domingo, Santiago and Havana. Permanent consultations are maintained with the Statistics Division of ECLAC to coordinate activities. The Division is invited to participate in the meetings on public statistics held by the organization.

Additional information

The main work of the organization involves (a) publications, including in the scientific journal *Estadística* and a bilingual quarterly newsletter in Spanish and English; (b) seminars on applied statistics; (c) meetings on public statistics; (d) activities oriented towards the professional sector, including courses on statistical methods and analyses for lifetime data and sampling in complex surveys; and (e) its own award for excellence.

14. Islamic Women's Institute of Iran

Special, 2000

Introduction

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aims of the organization are to:

- Build the capacity of families, including young people and women, by offering training in the rights of citizens, civil justice, health, property and international law
- Provide training to promote public skills, awareness and employment
- Provide training to implement different projects towards achieving the goals of the United Nations
- Continuously improve and attain sustainable development goals

The organization works closely with many NGOs at meetings all over the world.

The activities of the organization include the following:

- Research, cooperation and capacity-building to achieve development goals
- Empowering people and improving public awareness, sharing information and ideas and the transfer of science and technology
- Contributing to the realization of social and economic rights within a human rights framework
- Removing discrimination against women, children, people with disabilities and senior citizens and supporting vulnerable groups in society
- Supporting the achievement of Agenda 21, including sustainable development
- Achieving poverty alleviation, economic growth and technology transfer and gaining aid and support to improve and attain sustainable development goals
- Providing training to promote public skills, awareness and employment
- Attaining peace for families by improving their awareness and skills

Contribution to the work of the United Nations

During the reporting period, the organization participated in the fifty-second and fifty-third sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York in 2008 and 2009, respectively.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period, the organization attended the thirteenth session of the Human Rights Council, held in Geneva in March 2009.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

During the reporting period, the organization worked closely at the national level on an activity supported by the Global Environment Facility, administered by the United Nations Development Programme.

15. Women and Modern World Centre

Special, 2008

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aims and purposes of the organization are to provide practical help to women from all over Azerbaijan; create opportunities for Azerbaijani women to integrate into Europe and the world as a whole; protect human rights and women's rights; eliminate all forms of violence and discrimination against women; cooperate with partners in the sphere of gender problems, planning family and reproductive health; create partnerships to reduce poverty among women; and prevent conflicts.

Contribution to the work of the United Nations

The Centre took an active part in a project carried out with the United Nations Democracy Fund, aimed at delivering international humanitarian aid to refugees, internally displaced persons, low-income families and victims of war in Azerbaijan. From 2008 to 2010, the organization also carried out a project entitled "Underpinning and development of democratic electoral processes in Azerbaijan", with the support of the Fund. The aim of that project was to increase the active participation of women in elections and in the development of democratic processes in Azerbaijan, in the belief that elections are an integral part of every democratic State having established an open society. As part of the project, information-based training courses were planned, with the participation of 25 people from 10 regions. The project aimed at disseminating democratic values and mobilizing women to participate in elections. The project included an educational programme on the most critical themes in the field of democratic elections and the rights of women.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization took part in the global consultation between the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and non-governmental organizations (NGOs), held in New York on 16 and 17 February 2010. The aim of the consultation was to exchange views and review the outcome of the 15-year review of the implementation of the International Conference on Population and Development, and to advance the agenda of the International Conference and arrange linkages with a 15-year review of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the Millennium Development Goals. The second day of the consultation was dedicated to discussing how regional NGOs and parliamentarians could work together to advocate for the Programme of Action of the International Conference and major events in 2010.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization cooperates closely and holds cooperation discussions with many organizations of the United Nations, such as the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the United Nations Democracy Fund, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), UNFPA and the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women). It cooperates closely with the United Nations office in Baku and with the United Nations Information Centre in Baku.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The activities of the organization are connected with the problem of early marriage, such as strengthening the efficiency of actions of various State structures and public organizations against early marriage in the remote regions of Azerbaijan, in order to strengthen initiatives on women's rights in those regions. Its work is aimed at supporting the right to education of young girls from the remote regions of Azerbaijan, who form a vulnerable group. The organization works for the legal protection of girls in the remote regions of the country to make changes that would lead to the improvement of the gender situation and the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals in those regions of Azerbaijan.

Additional information

The organization takes part in different discussions of the Council to express its views. It intends to expand its ties with the Council and take part in different events held by the Council in the future.

As an organization in consultative status with the Council, it distributes among NGOs and interested persons in Azerbaijan information about the issues discussed and decisions taken by the Council and the United Nations.

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1. Advocates for Human Rights

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Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization is committed to the impartial promotion and protection of international human rights in local, regional and international contexts. It investigates and exposes human rights violations; represents victims of violations; trains and assists groups that protect human rights; educates the public, policymakers and children; and promotes the universal acceptance of international human rights standards. These activities, which are especially related to the rights of women and children, further the development agenda of the Economic and Social Council.

The organization regularly supports the work of the United Nations at large by providing education about the United Nations human rights mechanisms and how individuals can engage with them. For example, it sponsored a presentation on the United Nations and the human rights record of the United States of America in Minneapolis, United States, on 16 December 2010.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

2008: The organization participated in the review by the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination at its seventy-second session of the United States, held in Geneva on 21 and 22 February.

2010: The organization participated in the ninth session of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review, held in Geneva from 1 to 12 November, and in the forty-fifth session of the Committee against Torture, held in Geneva from 1 to 19 November.

2011: The organization participated in the following consultative meetings on strengthening United Nations treaty bodies, held in Geneva: first meeting of the Working Group on Follow-up of the Human Rights Treaty Bodies (under the inter-committee meeting of the human rights treaty bodies), on 12 January; the twenty-fourth general meeting of the International Coordinating Committee of National Institutions for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, on 17 May; and the twelfth inter-committee meeting of the human rights treaty bodies, on 29 June. It also participated in the twelfth session of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review, held in Geneva from 3 to 14 October; the 103rd session of the Human Rights Committee, held in Geneva from 17 October to 4 November; and the forty-seventh session of the Committee against Torture, held in Geneva from 31 October to 25 November.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

2008: The organization provided technical assistance to the Division for the Advancement of Women of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) at a United Nations expert group meeting on good practices in legislation on violence against women, held in Vienna from 26 to 28 May. It also had a consultancy with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) in Georgia, as part of which it prepared a review of the findings of local experts on the implementation of an action plan on the elimination

of domestic violence and protection and support for its victims, and prepared recommendations on addressing the issues identified in the assessment report.

2009: The organization provided technical assistance to the Division for the Advancement of Women, UNODC and the Economic Commission for Africa at a United Nations expert group meeting on good practices in legislation to address harmful practices against women, held in Addis Ababa from 25 to 28 May. It also provided technical assistance to the Peacebuilding Commission seminar on peacebuilding and the role of diasporas, held in New York on 28 and 29 April, organized through the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR). It undertook a project in collaboration with the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) Global Virtual Knowledge Centre to End Violence against Women and Girls to create modules on legislation and access to justice (2009-2011).

2010: It planned and held a conference with the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) on strategies to monitor the implementation of domestic violence laws, held in Sofia in October.

2011: It hosted, in Minneapolis, United States, a country visit by the Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences, in February, and contributed to her report to the Human Rights Council on the United States. It also held a consultancy with UN-Women for a regional expert meeting on enforcing domestic violence legislation in Eastern Europe and Central Asia, held in Almaty in December.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization's initiatives in support of Millennium Development Goals 1 to 3 focused on South Asia (Nepal), Central and Eastern Europe, Central Asia and the United States. Major activities included providing free primary education and a school feeding programme to more than 300 disadvantaged children in Nepal (Goals 1 and 2). Gender parity also featured in education policy and curricula, in accordance with Goal 3. Initiatives in support of Goal 3 include working through fact-finding, documentation, legal reform and training to eliminate violence against women and trafficking in women and girls, and to improve maternal health in numerous countries, including Bulgaria, Croatia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Lithuania, Morocco, the Republic of Moldova, the Russian Federation, Turkey and the United States.

The organization also maintains the Stop Violence against Women website (www.stopvaw.org), an international forum for information, advocacy and change for women.

Additional information

During the period 2008-2011, the organization made numerous submissions of shadow reports to United Nations treaty bodies and stakeholder submissions to the Human Rights Council.

2. Africa Humanitarian Action

Special, 2008

Introduction

Africa Humanitarian Action is an international non-governmental organization that provides emergency, development and advocacy services targeting displaced and vulnerable communities throughout Africa. It operates in 17 African countries and, since receiving consultative status, has expanded its programmes into Cameroon, registered as a public charity and opened a liaison office in the United States. It is also a registered charity in Switzerland.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Africa Humanitarian Action maintains its aim of improving the living conditions of displaced persons and vulnerable communities throughout Africa. Its course of action remains the same.

Significant changes in the organization

Africa Humanitarian Action signed a status agreement with the Government of Ethiopia, under which it was granted quasi-diplomatic status. The organization registered as a public charity in the United States and obtained tax-exempt status under article 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of the United States.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization:

(a) Presented the keynote address at the midyear review meeting of the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs Consolidated Appeals Process, held in Geneva on 21 July 2009;

(b) Co-organized a symposium on reflections on international humanitarian interventions in Africa, in partnership with the Economic Commission for Africa and USA for Africa, from 21 to 23 September 2010 in Addis Ababa. Its trustee presented a paper on African-led interventions in human security;

(c) Served as rapporteur for the 2010 edition of the annual consultations of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) with non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and presented its report at the sixty-first session of the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme, held in October 2010;

(d) Attended the Inter-Agency Standing Committee Principals meeting in Geneva on 22 February 2011 and participated, on behalf of NGOs, in a round-table discussion on food security issues in the Horn of Africa.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization:

(a) Participated in the Global Health Cluster meeting, led by the Inter-Agency Standing Committee and hosted by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), held in New York on 12 and 13 November 2008;

(b) Attended the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York from 2 to 13 March 2009;

(c) Participated in all meetings organized by the Global Humanitarian Platform from 2008 to 2010. On 3 February 2010, the President of the organization addressed the third meeting of the Platform, held in Geneva;

(d) Participated in informal interactive hearings of the General Assembly with representatives of NGOs, civil society organizations and the private sector, held in New York on 14 and 15 June 2010;

(e) Attended the high-level segment of the Economic and Social Council, held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 4 to 8 July 2011, and the sessions on education in Africa;

(f) Attended the annual consultations of UNHCR with NGOs in Geneva from 2008 to 2011. The President delivered an address on 28 June 2011.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization collaborated with a large number of United Nations bodies and agencies in technical assistance and partnership activities.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization made efforts to support the attainment of six of the eight Millennium Development Goals in Burundi, Cameroon, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, Liberia, Namibia, Rwanda, Somalia, the Sudan, Uganda and Zambia, where it is involved in local capacity development activities to reduce poverty and enhance resilience; provided formal and non-formal education, ranging from building schools to providing education materials; carried out income-generating and women's empowerment programmes, such as addressing sexual and gender-based violence; and provided curative and preventive health care, encompassing such areas as maternal health, nutrition and HIV/AIDS, to displaced and vulnerable communities. It carried out several advocacy activities. It observed World AIDS Day in Namibia with a month of activities. Similar events took place in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Liberia, Rwanda and Uganda. It works in accordance with national strategies and United Nations bodies to achieve the Goals throughout Africa.

Additional information

Enhancing African institutions' capacity remains a challenge.

3. African Canadian Legal Clinic

Special, 2004

Introduction

The African Canadian Legal Clinic is a non-governmental, community-based organization that is based in Toronto, Canada. It has a provincial mandate.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Clinic is dedicated to combating systemic and institutional anti-Black racism. In this capacity, the Clinic engages in test case litigation, law reform, advocacy and public legal education at the national and international levels and has been involved in groundbreaking anti-racism and equality rights cases in Canada.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

(a) *Committee on the Rights of the Child*: The Clinic provided written submissions on the combined third and fourth periodic report of Canada to the Committee at its sixty-first session, held in Geneva from 17 September to 5 October 2012;

(b) *Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent*: Representatives of the Clinic attended meetings, made oral interventions, helped to develop recommendations for the consideration of the Working Group and liaised and worked with other NGOs at the ninth, tenth and eleventh sessions of the Working Group, held in Geneva from 12 to 16 April 2010, 28 March to 1 April 2011 and 30 April to 4 May 2012;

(c) *Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination*: The Clinic submitted a report on the compliance by the Government of Canada with the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination to the Committee at its eightieth session, held in Geneva from 13 February to 9 March 2012. It also made an oral presentation during the day of thematic discussion on the theme "People of African descent of more recent migration from Africa";

(d) *Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women*: The Clinic submitted a report on the review of Canada's seventh periodic report to the Committee at its forty-second session, held in Geneva from 20 October to 7 November 2008;

(e) *Durban Declaration and Programme of Action*: Representatives of the Clinic attended meetings, made oral interventions, helped to develop recommendations, lobbied State delegates and/or liaised and worked with other NGOs at the following related events:

(i) High-level meeting of the General Assembly to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, held in New York on 22 September 2011;

(ii) Durban Review Conference, held in Geneva from 20 to 24 April 2009;

(iii) Second substantive session of the Preparatory Committee for the Durban Review Conference, held in Geneva from 6 to 17 October 2008;

(iv) First substantive session of the Preparatory Committee for the Durban Review Conference, held in Geneva from 21 April to 2 May 2008.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Clinic coordinated several round-table sessions with the African Canadian community and the Independent Expert on minority issues in October 2009.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The Clinic was an active member of the Durban+10 Coalition. In this capacity, it, along with other NGOs, committed itself to the objectives of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action and participated in daily events and panel discussions aimed at celebrating the tenth anniversary of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, further educating civil society about their contents and pressuring Governments to honour their commitments to eradicate racism, utilizing the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action as a framework.

The Clinic wrote to officials of the Government of Canada at all levels to urge them to fund and develop activities and initiatives to commemorate and celebrate the International Year for People of African Descent in Canada.

The Clinic addressed the issues of poverty and poverty reduction in alternative reports to the following committees: Committee on the Rights of the Child (sixty-first session); Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (eightieth session); Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (thematic discussion on racial discrimination against people of African descent, forty-second session).

The Clinic was involved in developing the Colour of Poverty Disaggregated Data Project and the Municipal Race Equity Report Card. The former was a literature review outlining existing sources of disaggregated data in the justice, health, education and social service sectors. The latter is a tool developed to assess the level of commitment of Toronto mayoral candidates to issues affecting racialized communities in the city of Toronto.

4. AIDS Information Switzerland

Special, 2000

Introduction

AIDS Information Switzerland was founded in 1989 by doctors from Switzerland as a non-political and non-denominational association for the benefit of the public, in order to bring doctors' viewpoints increasingly into the AIDS discussion. On the basis of its strictly scientific-oriented activities, more than 600 people, predominantly doctors, dentists and pharmacists, including numerous professors and senior consultants, have joined the association. It is also supported by a scientific advisory council that includes experts from various medical fields.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The objectives of the organization are to provide information and promote action to stop the spread of HIV and sexually transmitted infections; to support persons infected with HIV and sexually transmitted infections; to disseminate accurate information on HIV and sexually transmitted infections; to inform the medical profession of scientific findings on HIV infection; to advise members of caring professions (doctors, nurses, teachers, psychologists, care workers, etc.) and persons with political and social responsibilities; to advise persons interested in issues relating to AIDS and sexually transmitted infections; and to advise HIV-positive

persons, AIDS sufferers or persons with sexually transmitted infections on an individual basis. The association supports the achievement of these aims mainly through: collaboration and information-sharing with experts in Switzerland and elsewhere, with scientific institutions and authorities, and with private organizations pursuing the same or similar aims; management of a documentation centre; publishing (production, translation, publication, distribution); organization of information events; provision of advice by telephone, in writing and in person; provision of financial resources to form a social fund; support for firms, organizations and authorities in their efforts to help HIV-positive persons and persons with sexually transmitted infections; and support for and implementation of projects helping to achieve the above-mentioned aims.

Significant changes in the organization

The organization has expanded its activities and objectives. As from the beginning of 2012, it has incorporated the issue of sexually transmitted infections into its work.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Every year, the organization issues a press release to newspapers and radio and television stations on the occasion of World AIDS Day. It invites representatives of the United Nations to its conferences. Its website is available in nine languages (English, Estonian, French, German, Italian, Polish, Romanian, Russian and Spanish). On that website, it publishes position papers from the United Nations, such as the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) publication, *Making Condoms Work for HIV Prevention*.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the sessions of the Human Rights Council held in 2009, 2010 and 2011 in Geneva. It also took part in the Durban Review Conference in 2009. Its delegate from Argentina participated in various conferences about AIDS in South America.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In 2009, to mark its twentieth anniversary, the organization organized a symposium on future strategies to combat the HIV epidemic. Brian Williams, a representative of UNAIDS and the World Health Organization (WHO), gave a presentation.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

From 2000 to 2008, the organization initiated, participated in and financed a HIV testing and counselling project in the Democratic Republic of the Congo in support of Goals 4, 5 and 6. It was supported by a local NGO, Kataliko Actions pour l'Afrique, in Bukavu. Since 2008, the local NGO has worked without the organization's help. Throughout the years, the organization has sent more than 4.5 tons of medication and other medical equipment to the Democratic Republic of the Congo and has distributed in excess of 90,000 leaflets and flyers. More than 35,000 people underwent voluntary testing and counselling in its two centres in

Bukavu and Kamituga. A total of 1,500 people tested HIV-positive and were sent to the local clinic to receive treatment.

The organization also launched information campaigns on the radio and in the press, reaching more than 1.4 million people. It distributed a music CD that featured famous African music. In recent years, it has constantly updated its website with new information. The website complies with the Health on the Net Foundation code of conduct for medical and health websites, demonstrating that it provides trustworthy health information. In 2010, it launched in Switzerland an information campaign in medical facilities with a brochure for young people, providing an update on HIV/AIDS in English, French, German and Italian. All brochures, leaflets and flyers are available free of charge. In 2012, it will publish a book on talking about sex and sexually transmitted infections.

Additional information

During its 20 years of activities, it has issued 60 publications (brochures, books, leaflets and flyers) and 30 scientific articles, in addition to organizing 16 symposiums and conferences. There are 4,613,000 copies of its leaflets in various languages. Its website registers 500,000 users and 5 million clicks per year.

5. Aland Islands Peace Institute

Special, 2004

Introduction

The Aland Islands Peace Institute undertakes practical and research work on peace and conflict issues in a broadly defined sense, with Aland and its special status under international law as a starting point. The Institute focuses on autonomy, minority issues, demilitarization and conflict management and resolution. It is an independent charitable foundation that was established in 1992. It bases its activities on two cornerstones: knowledge and action.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Institute has a limited field of activities and focuses on minority protection, ethnic conflicts, women's rights and disarmament/demilitarization. Its activities relating to the United Nations have been concentrated accordingly, in view of its limited resources.

Significant changes in the organization

Considerable deepening and internationalization of areas of expertise took place during the reporting period.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In August 2009, a youth exchange and workshop, known as "Living Bridges", was arranged. Some 30 young women from Aland, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Finland and Sweden took part. The theme of the meeting was "Equality and conflict solution, including Security Council resolution 1325 (2000)". During the period covered, the Institute developed, in cooperation with other partners, a methodology for

empowerment of young women and men. The results of this work were finalized in 2012 and are to be submitted to the United Nations in 2013.

On 30 March 2010, the day of the demilitarization of Aland, a seminar on peace work was held in Mariehamn. Persons who had contributed to peace internationally, including in United Nations missions, shared their experiences. The possibilities of using Alandic experiences in peace work were discussed. In June 2010, the Institute hosted 22 civil society representatives from Armenia and Azerbaijan, who visited Aland to study autonomy and demilitarization and discussed peace issues.

During the period 2008-2011, the Institute published 12 reports on minority and indigenous rights, self-government, participation, the Aland example and gender equality methods.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Rhodri Williams worked at the Institute from 2006 to 2008 as a guest researcher. One of his main activities was the drafting of a manual on the implementation of the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement. He attended several related meetings.

In December 2011, the Institute provided the Governments of Aland and Finland with input and expertise in view of the seminar entitled "Settling international disputes: lessons from the past, challenges for the future", held in New York on 18 January 2012 in cooperation with the International Peace Institute.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In October 2010, the Institute and the national committee for UNIFEM in Finland organized a lecture on whether genocide could be prevented, which was held in Mariehamn.

In November 2008, the Institute was consulted by Patrick Thornberry, who was working with Gay McDougall, the then Independent Expert on minority issues, within the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, on minority education. The work produced in that regard was later adopted as document A/HRC/10/11/Add.1 by the Human Rights Council.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization provided support through the Swedish Water House.

Additional information

In November 2011, the Institute published a report on the relevance for international conflict resolution of the Aland example and its components. An international conference was held in Mariehamn, attended by diplomats, politicians, researchers and civil society representatives in Finland and in the Nordic region. It is argued in the publication that limited attention has been paid to the role of territorial autonomy as a possible conflict resolution tool. Moving beyond the formal aspects of the division of competences between centre and periphery, the report develops an analytical tool for understanding the durability and robustness of evolving autonomy arrangements. Furthermore, it analyses how the Aland example and its three major components (autonomy, demilitarization and identity safeguards) have been used in

specific disputes and conflict situations. The report represents a unique combination of theoretical insights with the experiences of well-known diplomats and politicians.

6. American Association of University Women

Special, 2008

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research, addressing women's needs throughout their lifespan. The work of its some 100,000 members, 1,000 branches and 600 college and university partners builds upon more than 130 years of public participation. Since 2008, it has increased collaboration and advocacy with agencies at Headquarters, developed an international delegations programme and enhanced social media and print outreach, stressing global gender equity.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Its public policy promotes peace, justice and human rights, supports a strengthened United Nations and advocates the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action. In support of its efforts for the ratification of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, it signed a letter supporting ratification addressed to the President of the United States in 2009, attended United States Senate hearings in 2010, and voted for a national resolution in 2007, in which it urged communication with senators and participation in the national working group. It works with the Campaign for US Ratification of the Convention on the Rights of the Child and joined its national symposium in support of ratification, held in Washington, D.C., in 2009. It undertakes advocacy work for the United Nations through the United Nations Association of the United States of America and the U.S. Global Leadership Coalition. Each year, members actively support Human Rights Day, International Women's Day and 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence. Since 1993, its members have worked with the Working Group on Girls, a coalition of more than 80 NGOs promoting girls' rights in the work of the United Nations. Members have joined the Committee on Teaching about the United Nations, a founding organization of Academic Impact, and the Department of Public Information to present conferences for educators in New York and Atlanta, United States.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization:

(a) Submitted a written statement, with the Working Group on Girls, to the Commission on the Status of Women at its fifty-third session, held in New York from 2 to 13 March 2009 (E/CN.6/2009/NGO/22);

(b) Sent five representatives to the fifty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York from 1 to 12 March 2010, and submitted a written statement, with the Working Group on Girls (E/CN.6/2010/NGO/16);

(c) Sent four representatives to the fifty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York from 22 February to 4 March 2011, where

its 2010 study entitled "Why so few? Women in science, technology, engineering and mathematics" attracted international attention;

(d) Made an oral intervention at a preparatory expert panel for the fifty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held on 4 March 2010;

(e) Held observer status at an expert group meeting on gender, science and technology convened by the Division for the Advancement of Women in cooperation with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in Paris from 28 September to 1 October 2010, for which it prepared a paper (EGM/ST/2010/OP.3), sent its chief of strategic advancement and contributed to the meeting recommendations. Its work is cited in footnote 4 of the report of the meeting (EGM/ST/2010/REPORT);

(f) Made two oral interventions at the fifty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (see E/CN.6/2011/12). It also submitted two written statements, one with the Working Group on Girls (E/CN.6/2011/NGO/60) and another in which it called for girls to make greater achievements in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (E/CN.6/2011/NGO/17);

(g) Collaborated on three NGO panels, with presentations by its researchers;

(h) Attended the forty-fourth and forty-ninth sessions of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, held in New York from 20 July to 7 August 2009 and 11 to 29 July 2011, respectively;

(i) Participated in informal interactive hearings of the General Assembly with representatives of NGOs, civil society organizations and the private sector, held in New York on 14 and 15 June 2010.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

It cooperates with United Nations bodies. It is a member of the United States national committee for UN-Women and supports all aspects of the Entity's mission. The United Nations Girls' Education Initiative discussed how American Association of University Women fellowship recipients might build science, technology, engineering and mathematics mentoring opportunities with Initiative teachers.

It joined the 7 Billion Actions campaign, under the auspices of UNFPA, in November 2011. It also participated in an expert group meeting organized by UNESCO for the fifty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization encourages active member involvement and partnerships for the attainment of the Millennium Development Goals.

With regard to Goal 3, on promoting gender equality and empowering women, it:

(a) Awarded $3 million in fellowships to 200 women in low-income countries;

(b) Awarded $80,000 in international grants for community-based programmes;

(c) Conducted visits to Cuba, Israel and South Africa to engage with women leaders in multiple sectors;

(d) Implemented leadership programmes affecting women worldwide.

With regard to Goal 1, on eradicating extreme poverty and hunger, it:

(a) Collaborates with CARE to raise awareness;

(b) Cooperates with the United Nations Information Centre and the Brookings Institution in Washington, D.C., on issues such as hunger, human rights and politics;

(c) Implements a grant programme aimed at economic security for women and girls.

With regard to Goal 2, on achieving universal primary education, it:

(a) Carries out research to support public education that promotes equity;

(b) Carries out research into the gender pay gap, women and girls in science, technology, engineering and mathematics, and sexual harassment in schools, with a view to strengthening girls' secondary education;

(c) Raises awareness of and supports girls' education through events, advocacy, education and philanthropy.

7. American Civil Liberties Union

Special, 1996

Significant changes in the organization

Structure: In April 2010, the Union created four activity centres (democracy, equality, justice and liberty) to house related Union programmes. They foster collaborative initiatives among programmes working on similar goals. The human rights programme, along with the projects on national security and speech, privacy and technology, comprise the Center for Democracy.

Membership: The Union's membership has increased since the submission of its previous figures. There are 436,969 individual members, including persons from all 50 states, Puerto Rico and Guam.

Changes in funding: The funding of the Union has increased since the submission of its previous figures. As at 31 March 2011, the total assets of the Foundation stood at $376,124,099, with total liabilities of $87,287,126. The total support and revenue stood at $76,826,572 and total expenses at $80,497,335. The total assets of the Union and the Foundation were $387,334,981. Total liabilities were $105,789,335, total support and revenue $106,384,190 and total expenses $108,968,727.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Union participated in the following meetings:

(a) Seventy-second session of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, held in Geneva from 18 February to 7 March 2008 (the Union participated on 21 and 22 February);

(b) Seventh session of the Human Rights Council, held in Geneva from 3 to 28 March 2008;

(c) Forty-eighth session of the Committee on the Rights of the Child, held in Geneva from 19 May to 6 June 2008;

(d) First session of the Forum on Minority Issues, held in Geneva on 15 and 16 December 2008;

(e) Fifty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York from 1 to 12 March 2010;

(f) Ninth session of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review, held in Geneva from 1 to 12 November 2010;

(g) Sixteenth session of the Human Rights Council, held in Geneva from 28 February to 25 March 2011;

(h) Seventeenth session of the Human Rights Council, held in Geneva from 30 May to 17 June 2011.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Visits of special rapporteurs, working groups and independent experts: During the following visits to the United States, the Union organized meetings with affected communities and authorities, in addition to testifying about relevant human rights issues: Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants (30 April-18 May 2008); Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance (18 May-6 June 2008); Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions or killings (16-30 June 2008); Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination (July 2009); Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living, and on the right to non-discrimination in this context (November 2009); Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences (24 January-7 February 2011); and Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Haiti (September 2011).

Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances: In July 2009, the Union, together with Alkarama and Reprieve, requested that the Working Group should investigate the enforced disappearance, in October 2005, of Mustafa Setmariam Nasar at the hands of the Government of the United States.

Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment: In February 2010, the Union requested the Special Rapporteur to intervene on behalf of a mentally ill prisoner who had been subjected to severe abuse in solitary confinement in Montana State Prison.

Independent Expert on minority issues, Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, and Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants: The Union wrote to the experts in July 2011, requesting a public statement in which they would condemn anti-immigrant laws in Alabama, Georgia, Indiana, South Carolina and Utah.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Universal Declaration of Human Rights: To celebrate the sixtieth anniversary of the signing of the Declaration, the Union created a video and released a publication.

Treaty ratification and implementation: The Union has lobbied the Government of the United States to ratify treaties, including the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. It has lobbied for the implementation of the recommendations of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and the Committee against Torture.

Human rights workshops: The Union continues to organize and participate in workshops to educate lawyers and activists on effective strategies for implementing the international human rights framework in their domestic advocacy and litigation.

8. International Lactation Consultant Association

Special, 1996

Introduction

The International Lactation Consultant Association is the professional association for international board-certified lactation consultants, with more than 6,000 members worldwide. It is an NGO in consultative status with several United Nations agencies, including WHO.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Association's mission is to advance the profession of lactation consulting worldwide through leadership, advocacy, professional development and research. It facilitates networking among lactation consultants and other professionals interested in promoting, protecting and supporting breastfeeding. It establishes guidelines for competent, ethical and evidence-based lactation consultant practice, in addition to fostering the development of professional standards and ethical practice for lactation consultants. It informs all health-care professionals of the importance of human milk and breastfeeding and the consequences of artificial feeding. It serves as a professional and authoritative advisory body for women and children's health. It cooperates with organizations with similar aims and objectives. It stimulates and supports research in all aspects of lactation and infant feeding. It supports the implementation of the International Code of Marketing of Breast-milk Substitutes and its subsequent relevant resolutions.

Significant changes in the organization

In 2008, the Association partnered with the Canadian Lactation Consultant Association, a multinational affiliate, with bundled membership. In 2009, it assisted with the formation of the Lactation Consultants of Australia and New Zealand, the third multinational affiliate of the Association, with bundled membership. In addition, the Israel Association of Certified Lactation Consultants (2009) and the Korean Lactation Consultant Association (2011) were accepted as international

affiliates. To reflect this, the Board of Directors changed the title of the External Affairs Committee to "Global Outreach Committee" to enable a better focus on global issues.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Through its representatives to UNICEF, the Association has been an active member of the child rights and health caucuses, the Commission on the Status of Women, the Nutrition Working Group and the NGO Committee on HIV/AIDS. Through its WHO delegate, the Association works with Maria del Carmen Casanovas, the designated Technical Officer for nutrition. The Association's liaisons attend meetings of the Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses and support the Baby-Friendly Hospital Initiative. They are core partners of the World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action. Each year, the Association hosts an international conference. Previous speakers have been Mary Renfrew (national policies), Mark Cregan (breastfeeding as a human rights issue), Chris Mulford (gender workshop), Randa Saadeh, Carmen Casanovas, Hilary Creed and Adriano Cattaneo. Sessions include the Baby-Friendly Hospital Initiative, breastfeeding in emergencies and cultural factors in Africa, Australia, China, Ethiopia, France, Malaysia, the Russian Federation and Uganda. Relevant publications are the *Journal of Human Lactation*, a position paper on the role and impact of the international board-certified lactation consultant, a paper on the risks of not breastfeeding and an electronic clinician's breastfeeding triage tool.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Association's liaison attended all meetings of relevant United Nations NGO committees and sessions of the Commission for the Status of Women. The Association is part of a breastfeeding advocacy team within the United Nations. It was represented at each session of the WHO Executive Board and World Health Assembly from 2008 to 2011. In each of those sessions, it prepared and delivered a statement on relevant agenda items.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Association and the World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action worked together on issues relating to donor human milk banking. The Association and the World Alliance also jointly sponsored a fellowship to travel and work with the World Alliance on outreach and advocacy projects at its headquarters in Penang, Malaysia. The Association also worked to draft a statement in relation to breastfeeding advocacy for the Non-Governmental Organizations Committee on UNICEF.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger (Goal 1): The very basis of the Association's existence is the protection, promotion and support of breastfeeding as the normal nutrition for infants. This affects the health of the infant, mother and community.

Promote gender equality and empower women (Goal 3): The Association collaborates on the gender assessment practice tool for lactation consultants.

Reduce child mortality (Goal 4): The Association has published several position papers, including: "Facts about breastfeeding in an emergency, especially for relief workers", (available in English, French and Spanish); "Facts about breastfeeding in an emergency, especially for health workers" (available in English, French and Spanish); "Emergency preparedness checklist for breastfeeding mothers" (a kit for World Breastfeeding Week 2009); "Background information on breastfeeding: a vital emergency response — are you ready?" (a kit for World Breastfeeding Week 2009); and "10 more reasons to breastfeed!" (a flyer, available in English and Spanish). A position paper on HIV and breastfeeding is being updated in conjunction with the World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action. The Association is in a global partnership with the World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action, the International Baby Food Action Network, La Leche League International, Wellstart International and the Academy of Breastfeeding Medicine.

Ensure environmental sustainability (Goal 7): The Association actively advocates an environmentally sustainable human product (breast milk) that leaves no damaging footprint on the environment.

9. IUS PRIMI VIRI International Association

Special, 2004

Introduction

The IUS PRIMI VIRI International Association is based in Rome.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The main aim of the Association is human rights education, together with the advancement of women, sustainable development and peace education.

Significant changes in the organization

On 6 May 2008, the by-laws of the Association were changed and registered in Rome (copy sent to the United Nations in the same year).

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

From 2008 to 2011, the Association submitted written statements during the high-level segment of the substantive session of the Economic and Social Council, in both New York and Geneva. On 4 September 2008, during the sixty-first annual conference for non-governmental organizations associated with the United Nations Department of Public Information, held in Paris, a workshop was organized on the importance of human rights education and learning as way of peace and communication among peoples. On 5 July 2011, during the high-level segment of the substantive session of the Economic and Social Council, a joint parallel event was held on the role of education in the Mediterranean area.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Association has always participated in meetings of the Economic and Social Council, in both New York and Geneva, including by making oral statements. It also participated actively in the sessions of the Human Rights Council in Geneva and in

the sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women in New York in 2009, 2010 and 2011. In November 2009, it participated in the Beijing+15 Regional Review Meeting organized by the Economic Commission for Europe in Geneva.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Association's cooperation with United Nations bodies is not yet as developed as it would like because its members are all volunteers and the Association suffers from a significant lack of funds. In 2009, it began organizing a network of NGOs of Mediterranean countries in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council with the support of the Non-Governmental Organization Branch of the Department for Economic and Social Affairs. The Association hopes, after the cessation of activities caused by the Arab Spring in 2011, to resume work in 2012.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Initiatives were launched in Italy and Tunisia to favour intercultural dialogue and better communication through training courses for teachers, students and families in 2008 and 2009. During the period March-June 2010, the Association organized, together with the University of Salerno, a training course entitled "Towards a sustainable society".

In Geneva, it participated in 2009, 2010 and 2011 in the yearly conferences organized by an NGO, OCAPROCE International, on the economic, social and cultural rights of women.

It also participates in the NGO committees on women and on human rights, in Geneva.

10. Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice

Special, 2004

Introduction

The Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice is committed to fostering peace, cultivating justice and creating a safer world. It was established in 2000 to work to improve the lives of those caught in the web of armed conflict and human rights abuses. In collaboration with local partners around the world, it works to build peace with justice. It has field projects under way in Guatemala, Nepal, the Philippines and West Africa and is currently expanding into Cambodia, Colombia and Kenya.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aim of the Institute is to assist in the transition and recovery from conflict and to facilitate collaboration among Government leaders, civil society and security groups. The Institute offers workshops, dialogue processes and venues for advancement of peacemaking techniques and understanding of the roots and consequences of conflict.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Between 2008 and 2011, the Institute held international conferences, the reports and outcome documents of which were submitted to the United Nations. These included conferences on crafting human security in an insecure world (2008) and on United Nations resolutions on women, peace and security (2010), at which participants looked at Security Council resolutions 1325 (2000), 1820 (2008), 1888 (2009) and 1889 (2009). A joint statement from the 2010 conference co-conveners (the Institute, UNIFEM, the International Action Network on Small Arms, Women's Initiatives for Gender Justice and the NGO Working Group on Women, Peace and Security) and delegates (175 people from 47 countries) was submitted to the Security Council to be discussed as part of the tenth anniversary of the adoption of resolution 1325 (2000).

Another integral component of the Institute is education of the San Diego, United States, community about the workings of the United Nations through public awareness and outreach. The Institute holds numerous informational events on topics relating to conflict and peacebuilding. Some of the people who have spoken as part of its distinguished lecture series include former and current United Nations officials, such as Louise Arbour (2008), Jan Egeland (2008), Jan Eliasson (2009) and Radhika Coomaraswamy (2011). United Nations officials such as Antonio Mazzitelli (UNODC) have been invited to speak with young people from San Diego and northern Mexico for the Institute's WorldLink Program. Each year, the Institute holds events to celebrate United Nations Charter Day, United Nations Day, the International Day of Peace and the anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Late in 2011, the Institute began arranging an art exhibit, entitled "Architects of peace", which includes many United Nations officials, including the former Secretary-General, Kofi Annan.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Delegations from the Institute participated in the fifty-second, fifty-third, fifty-fourth and fifty-fifth sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women. The Institute presented parallel events at each session and reported back thereon at the annual celebration of International Women's Day in San Diego. Material presented included Women PeaceMaker films, conference reports and special event materials on peacebuilding and the arts.

Institute staff also participated in peacebuilding programmes with United Nations colleagues in Mexico (2009), the United States (2010), the Dominican Republic (2011), The Hague (2011) and current field locations, including Nepal (2008-2011) and Cambodia (2011). Topics have included gender, religion and security issues. Local Institute country partners have also made presentations in United Nations forums and at events sponsored by the United Nations. One example is Shobha Shrestha, an Institute country partner in Nepal, who frequently gives presentations at programmes for action on small arms.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Institute co-convened international conferences with United Nations partners, including UNIFEM and the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (2008) and UNIFEM, the Office for Disarmament Affairs and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations (2010). The Institute received

funding from UN-Women to convene Women PeaceMaker Asia regional network meetings in the Philippines (2011) and Cambodia (2011). The Institute also partners with the United Nations Association San Diego to conduct local events.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Although the Institute is not directly engaged in United Nations development projects, its programmes reflect the vision, education and mutual efforts required to achieve many of these global principles. The Institute has brought attention in San Diego to the Millennium Development Goals through its Women PeaceMaker programme. Two of the women peacemakers, Marta Benavides (El Salvador) and Wahu Kaara (Kenya), are very involved in specifically supporting the Goals through their work and have worked with the United Nations on this topic. Both highlighted the importance of the Goals during their presentations at the Institute to the San Diego community. The Deputy Special Envoy for Haiti, Paul Farmer, also spoke about the Goals during his speech at the Institute in 2009, as did Radhika Coomaraswamy in 2011.

11. Match International Centre

Special, 1996

Introduction

Match International Centre was created in 1976 by two Canadian women, Norma E. Walmsley and Suzanne Johnson-Harvor, following their attendance at the World Conference of the International Women's Year, held in Mexico City in 1975. The first centre of its kind anywhere in the world, Match was created to match the needs and resources of Canadian women with those of women in the South. It is an international development agency run by women working in partnership with women in the South.

From its beginnings, the focus of Match's work has been on initiatives developed by women for women. It supports initiatives that are identified by women in the global South, which are led and implemented by women, and which are innovative in their context. This approach is based on Match's belief that women's development must be considered within their own context and, for strategies to succeed, women's views and agendas must be taken into consideration. Social change and women's development must happen from within and must empower those most directly affected. Match's programmes are based on the understanding that women must identify their own priorities and be supported to address these on their own terms.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Match seeks to create a world in which women have a say about their lives, their community and their country, and are decision makers in all areas and at all levels of society. Match supports initiatives that are identified by women in the South, which are led and implemented by women, and which are innovative in their context.

These initiatives must be directed by and empower those most directly affected — social change should not be externally directed. Awareness-raising and capacity-

building from within are essential to success. Education and training are key parts of this capacity-building. The development of women as autonomous, rights-based citizens is fundamental to social change and community development. Consequently, strategies for change must take into account the diverse realities of women and must respect their efforts at self-determination. The challenges of advancing gender equity need to be based on women's articulated needs. Connections between women and organizations are essential for success; it is crucial to stay in touch, promote networks, build coalitions and work together.

Significant changes in the organization

Match has begun a new partnership with the World University Service of Canada, which will allow Match to continue its work with women in the development world, to form new partnerships and to explore new programming areas.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Partnership with the Centro de Desarrollo de la Mujer Negra Peruana to promote the participation of Afro-Peruvian women in leadership roles following the objectives of the International Year for People of African Descent.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the fifty-first and fifty-fourth sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

There is no information.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The representative of the Centro de Estudios y Promoción Afroperuano (LUNDÚ), Monica Carillo, a Match partner, participated in a documentary promoting Goal 3. Some Match partners have created multiple links with a variety of stakeholders, including Government ministries and programmes. Some of those programmes are linked to national economic and social policies and contribute to three of the Goals.

12. Palestinian Centre for Human Rights

Special, 2000

Introduction

The Palestinian Centre for Human Rights is an NGO based in Gaza. It is a non-profit company, dedicated to protecting human rights, promoting the rule of law and upholding democratic principles in the Occupied Palestinian Territory. It is an affiliate of the International Commission of Jurists (Geneva), the International Federation for Human Rights (Paris), the Euro-Mediterranean Human Rights Network (Copenhagen), the International Legal Assistance Consortium (Stockholm), the World Coalition against the Death Penalty (Montreuil, France) and the Arab Organization for Human Rights (Cairo). It is a recipient of the 1996 Human Rights

Prize of the French Republic, the 2002 Bruno Kreisky Award for Outstanding Achievements in the Area of Human Rights, the 2003 International Services Human Rights Award and the 2009 Human Rights Prize of Andalucia. The Centre was established in 1995.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Centre was established by a group of Palestinian lawyers and human rights activists in order to protect human rights and promote the rule of law in accordance with international standards; create and develop democratic institutions and an active civil society, while promoting democratic culture within the Palestinian society; and support all efforts aimed at enabling the Palestinian people to exercise its inalienable rights with regard to self-determination and independence in accordance with international law and United Nations resolutions.

The work of the Centre is conducted through documentation and investigation of human rights violations, provision of legal aid, counselling and training for both individuals and groups, and preparation of research articles relevant to such issues as the human rights situation and the rule of law. The Centre also provides comments on Palestinian draft laws and urges the adoption of legislation that incorporates international human rights standards and basic democratic principles. To achieve its goals, the Centre has recruited a committed staff of well-known human rights lawyers and activists.

Significant changes in the organization

The Centre recently expanded its general assembly to include a number of well-known Palestinian figures. It now comprises Reyad al-Zaanoun, Nadia Abu Nahla, Hashem al-Thalathini, Raji Sourani, Tareq Abdul Shafi, Eyad al-Alami, Issa Saba, Ibtesam Zaqqout, Jaber Wishah, Hamdi Shaqoura and Mona al-Shawa.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Centre undertook several activities to advance the achievement of the agenda of the Economic and Social Council and the United Nations. It has participated in international and regional conferences and meetings, undertaken advocacy and lobbying activities and cooperated with international delegations and figures. For example, on 20 May 2009, the Centre received the head of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, Eva Tomic, and a Human Rights Officer, Tariq Mukhaimer. On 1 March 2010, the Centre received the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), Filippo Grandi. From 21 to 25 March 2011, the Centre's international legal officer participated in the sixteenth session of the Human Rights Council, in Geneva.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Centre regularly participates in, and contributes to the work of, numerous United Nations-based working groups and agencies, such as the Protection Cluster Working Group (sharing information and coordination) and its subgroups: the Legal Task Force (to build response capacity through the training of relevant partners at the local level), the monitoring and reporting mechanism on children and armed conflict (dealing with violations of children's rights in the Gaza Strip) and the Core

Group on Access-Restricted Areas (where there is a particular focus on accountability).

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Centre has cooperated with several United Nations bodies for the past four years. For example, in February 2008, a special agreement was signed between the Centre and UNRWA to develop a new project. In June 2009, it cooperated with the United Nations Fact-Finding Mission on the Gaza Conflict. On 20 June 2010, Mona al-Shawa participated in a discussion panel arranged by UNIFEM on a strategic plan to eliminate violence against women.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The Centre works to promote economic, social and cultural rights (including the rights to education and adequate housing, and supports farmers and fisherfolk in their right to work) and women's rights (legal aid and awareness).

13. Peter Hesse Foundation: Solidarity in Partnership for One World

Special, 2000

Introduction

The NGO is structured as a foundation, formally registered in Germany on 7 December 1983 and in Haiti, under the name "Fondation Peter Hesse", on 17 November 1988.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The purpose of the Foundation is to help needy people in developing countries, especially as survival help for children and, wherever possible, as help for self-help.

Significant changes in the organization

The Foundation had concentrated its work on early childhood development, the first goal of Education for All, in Haiti and, four years ago, it extended its work to Côte d'Ivoire. Early childhood development is seen as a precondition to successfully achieving universal primary education, the second of the Millennium Development Goals.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

At the start of the Second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty, in 2008, and in the following years, the director of the Foundation continued his advocacy work among civil society in German-speaking countries in Europe (Austria, Germany and Switzerland), based on a compendium of best practices in human development. The compendium, published by the director, assembles 24 cases from work in developing countries in the field of eradication of extreme poverty and hunger (Millennium Development Goal 1) and touches upon most of the other seven Goals, especially the second (achieving universal primary education), the third (promoting gender quality and empowering women) and the eighth

(developing a global partnership for development). Other contributions in the compendium deal with rebuilding societies after armed conflicts, the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness and empowerment of people without power, and on microfinance models in development.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the period 2008-2011, the director of the Foundation frequently participated in the work of the Human Rights Council in Geneva.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In May 2008, the director of the Foundation attended the Biennale on Education in Africa, held in Maputo and organized by the Association for the Development of Education in Africa, at which he presented the Foundation's model of early childhood education, as used in Haiti, to African education officials as proof of the feasibility of the model as a precondition to attain the second Millennium Development Goal and the Education for All goals.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

In December 2008, the director of the Foundation published a book in English, *Vision Works*, in which he documented the practical feasibility of training qualified teachers in less-favourable environments in developing countries, with a view to attaining the Education for All goals with regard to early and primary education and the second Millennium Development Goal. He also suggested feasible ways to strengthen the Economic and Social Council in the spirit of the Dumbarton Oaks Conference in 1944, which led to the creation of the United Nations.

Additional information

Directly pursuing the second Millennium Development Goal (achieving universal primary education) and contributing to the first (eradicating extreme poverty and hunger), the Foundation continued to train an average of 30 Haitian teachers per year with the participation of its Haitian partners to help to fulfil the growing need for teachers in Haiti. This work continued until the earthquake in January 2010, which destroyed the teacher training centre in Port-au-Prince and four of the Foundation's partner schools in Port-au-Prince and Léogâne. Since that enforced interruption, the Foundation has attempted to restart regular teacher training in Liancourt, which is considered safer in the event of earthquakes.

In 2008, the Foundation resumed supporting visits of its partner schools in Haiti to help its Haitian partners to fulfil the need for more teachers.

14. Women's Health and Education Organization

Special, 2008

Introduction

The Women's Health and Education Organization is dedicated to women and children's well-being and health care worldwide.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

A website (www.womenshealthsection.com) was launched to provide information on everyday issues associated with women's health. This e-learning initiative is active in many countries, linked to 30,800 courses in the developing world and receives 1 million visitors per month. As a web-enabled platform, it allows for multiple forms of collaboration worldwide. The organization will cover the costs of the research and development of its e-learning initiative. Continuing medical education services will be provided free of charge to the countries identified by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) as least developed countries.

The organization remains committed to providing health education and advocacy to improve neonatal health outcomes. It will also provide evidence-based medical information to in-country partners and health-care providers in Africa and Latin America in order to reach 3 million people with reproductive health information, especially on family planning, by 2015.

The organization will continue its commitment to creating health-promoting schools, recognizing that adolescents find themselves under strong peer pressure to engage in high-risk behaviour. The spread of HIV/AIDS among adolescents is a growing phenomenon, while the traditional problem of sexually transmitted diseases continues to increase. The organization will continue to emphasize self-esteem, family planning, the importance of postponing the first pregnancy and the ability to withstand peer pressure.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization took part in the high-level panel discussion on the theme "The New Partnership for Africa's Development and the Millennium Development Goals: progress, challenges and the way forward", which took place at Headquarters on 7 October 2011.

On 25 February 2011, it sponsored and hosted a forum on improving maternal health through education, which was part of parallel events at the fifty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women. On 8 April 2011, it participated in an electronic discussion hosted by UNDP on women and poverty. On 10 February 2010, it participated in an electronic discussion hosted by UNDP, in which it responded to the following question: What are your core policy messages for United Nations intergovernmental decision-making?

From 2 to 13 May 2011, it attended the nineteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, in New York. From 3 to 12 February 2010, it attended the forty-eighth session of the Commission for Social Development, in New York. On 14 and 15 June 2010, it participated in informal interactive hearings of the General Assembly with representatives of NGOs, civil society organizations and the private sector, in New York. From 30 August to 1 September 2010, it attended the sixty-third annual conference for non-governmental organizations associated with the United Nations Department of Public Information, held in Melbourne, Australia. It presented its initiative in maternal and child health in a forum hosted by the media and Government of Australia, which was well received.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization is developing its essential knowledge portal for maternal, newborn and child health to advance the causes of peace, health and development with WHO. The organization was accepted as a member of the WHO Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health on 12 May 2011. Other United Nations bodies and initiatives involved in the project are the Department of Public Information, the United Nations University, UNESCO, UNDP and the "Every woman, every child" initiative.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Achieving universal access to reproductive health is the organization's mission. The demand for health for all is one of the defining movements of the twenty-first century. The organization is leading the way in this movement and redefining continuing medical education. It is the organization's privilege to work with United Nations partners on the Millennium Development Goals, with special focus on the fifth Goal (improving maternal health). Creating cultures that care is the organization's goal.

Additional information

The organization's president, Rita Luthra, has been a reviewer for the *Bulletin of the World Health Organization* since 2006 and has provided time and expertise in reviewing papers for it at least three to four times a year since 2006. The organization's work has been published in the *UN Chronicle* and *Bulletin* five times.

15. WorldWIDE Network Nigeria: Women in Development and Environment

Special, 2008

Aims and purposes of the organization

(a) To nurture grass-roots participation and strengthen the role of women in environmental conservation, solid waste management, water and sanitation;

(b) To develop small and medium-sized enterprises through skills acquisition, microcredit, counselling and training for women and young people;

(c) To give technical assistance to NGOs, community-based organizations, women's groups and men's groups to design programmes and execute projects that will lead to sustainable development;

(d) To train women and young people in reproductive health and prevention of HIV/AIDS;

(e) To promote programmes and activities that will lead to women's empowerment, gender equality and good governance in Nigeria.

Significant changes in the organization

The organization has significantly improved the way that it works over the past four years. There have been training sessions for staff and members on its areas of focus.

Since the granting of special consultative status, members have been able to participate in many United Nations conferences, giving them access to policy documents and learning material distributed there. The organization has therefore designed its programmes and training manuals in line with the final outcomes of the conferences.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization has contributed significantly to the work of the United Nations through advocacy and awareness-raising meetings with community leaders, in addition to capacity-building training for grass-roots women on the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the domestication of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. It has reproduced and distributed learning materials to raise awareness in communities.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The chief executive and some key members have participated in many United Nations conferences, including in New York and at the sessions of the World Urban Forum. The chief executive chaired some NGO and women caucus meetings at the United Nations, and also contributed to drafting and presenting NGO written statements during sessions of the commissions on sustainable development and social development. They also participated in many networking events and contributed to reports submitted by civil society organizations.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization has cooperated with the Nigeria offices of UNICEF and UNDP in programme implementation. It established non-formal education centres for out-of-school young people and early child centres, in addition to launching programmes relating to girl-child education. The organization also implemented the Water, Sanitation and Hygiene for All programme of UNICEF by, among other things, establishing environmental school clubs and training grass-roots women and artisans in latrine construction. In addition, the organization monitored and evaluated projects to determine the beneficiary impact of the interventions of these United Nations agencies in Nigeria. The organization documented and analysed the situation of women and children in slum areas in selected cities in Nigeria.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization has raised the awareness of grass-roots women leaders of the Millennium Development Goals. It has monitored and evaluated the projects and programmes implemented by the Government and its agencies in Nigeria to meet the Goals. Reports produced by the organization form part of the overall reports submitted by Nigeria on the Goals. The exercise has encouraged the contractors handling the projects to deliver on time and according to project specification. The organization has been able to identify and report some erring contractors. Its actions have encouraged the communities to step in and maintain the projects.

Additional information

The organization is now a member of the NGO Committee for Social Development. It is also working with other civil society organizations on the issue of violence against women and girls. Many abused women are ashamed to come out and report their cases. They lack information regarding the legal provisions and where to go to seek help. The organization is now working with young people in selected communities to report cases of violence against women. It is hoped that, if the younger generation is taught early to shun violence and embrace alternative conflict resolution strategies, violence against women and girls will become a thing of the past.

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1. Amnesty International

Special, 1964

Aims and purposes of the organization

Amnesty International is a movement of over 3 million supporters in 150 countries working to end violations of human rights. Its vision is of a world where every person enjoys all of the human rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international instruments.

The organization undertakes research and action focused on preventing and ending grave violations of those rights. It addresses governments, intergovernmental organizations and other stakeholders, and urges governments to abide by their human rights obligations and commitments.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Amnesty International maintains offices at the United Nations in Geneva and New York. It raised its concerns with United Nations bodies, including the Security Council, the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council, the Human Rights Council and the Commission on the Status of Women. The organization contributed to the special procedures, treaty bodies and the universal periodic review. It liaised with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and other Secretariat entities.

Priorities included: an effective arms trade treaty; human rights in peacekeeping mandates; adoption and ratification of the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights; adoption of the United Nations Declaration on Human Rights Education and Training; global abolition of the death penalty; institutional arrangements for women's human rights; a more effective Human Rights Council, treaty bodies strengthening; new special procedures; and participating in the United Nations to address the human rights issues listed below.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

From 2008 to 2011, the organization participated in a considerable number of United Nations forums, including: New York: Security Council, General Assembly, sixty-third to sixty-sixth sessions; Commission on the Status of Women, fifty-second to fifty-fourth sessions; United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, eighth to tenth sessions; Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty, first to third sessions (14 and 15 June 2010); Informal Interactive Hearings of the General Assembly (25 and 26 July 2011); Meeting on Youth Millennium Development Goals Summit; Human Rights Committee, ninety-fifth, ninety-eighth and one hundred-first sessions; Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, forty-sixth, forty-ninth and fifty-second sessions, Geneva; Human Rights Council, seventh to eighteenth regular sessions, sixth to eighteenth special sessions; Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review, first to twelfth sessions.

All sessions of the Human Rights Council review working groups and informal consultations; preparatory meetings of the Durban Review Conference; Human Rights Committee, ninety-third, ninety-fourth, ninety-seventh, one hundredth, one hundred-second and one hundred-third sessions; Committee against Torture, fortieth

to forty-seventh sessions; Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, fortieth to forty-sixth sessions; Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture, ninth to eleventh and fourteenth sessions; Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, forty-seventh and fiftieth sessions; Committee on Enforced Disappearances, first session; Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, seventy-seventh to seventy-ninth sessions; Committee on Migrant Workers, fourteenth session; Committee on the Rights of the Child, forty-seventh to fifty-eighth sessions; 20th to 23rd annual Meetings of Chairpersons of the Human Rights Treaty Bodies (22nd held in Brussels); 7th to 12th annual Inter-Committee Meetings; Executive Committee of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), fifty-ninth to sixty-first sessions; Annual Tripartite Consultations on Resettlement; and Annual Consultations with Non-governmental Organizations (NGOs).

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The main contribution of Amnesty International to the work of the United Nations human rights bodies and mechanisms is the submission of information about human rights in relation to country situations being considered and specific human rights issues, including maternal health/sexual and reproductive rights; counter-terrorism; housing; water/sanitation; international justice; torture/ill-treatment; extrajudicial killings; freedom of expression and assembly; discrimination; refugee and migrant rights; and corporate accountability. The organization regularly submits statements to the Human Rights Council and information to treaty bodies, special procedures and the universal periodic review. It contributes to studies and consultations of OHCHR. Representatives attend and contribute to discussions in the forums listed above.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Amnesty International has been engaged in the Millennium Development process since its 2000 launch through participation in United Nations, partnership and civil society events, including the high-level segment of the Economic and Social Council in 2008 and the 2010 Millennium Development Summit. It advocated for inclusion of human rights standards in the review process. In 2009, it launched its Demand Dignity Campaign, a multi-year global campaign aimed at achieving economic, social and cultural rights for the poor, with particular emphasis on Millennium Development Goals 3 and 5.

2. Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development

Special, 2004

Significant changes in the organization

The number of members of the Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development has increased, and at present there are 49 member organizations from 17 countries in South Asia, South-east Asia and North-east Asia.

In addition to its regional secretariat, which has been located in Bangkok since 1994, the organization set up its international office in Geneva in 2008 to closely monitor and follow up on Asian human rights issues as well as to enhance the

visibility, ownership and effectiveness of the advocacy work by Asian human rights defenders and organizations in their use of United Nations human rights mechanisms.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization continued to undertake various activities of advocacy, capacity-building and networking with a view to advancing the human rights agenda of the United Nations for the promotion and protection of human rights on the ground. In particular, the international office of the Asian Forum in Geneva has much enhanced stocktaking and empowerment of Asian human rights defenders and organizations at the national level in the use of United Nations human rights mechanisms, by providing them with tailored information on the developments at the Human Rights Council and other relevant mechanisms. Furthermore, the regional-level human rights trainings that the Asian Forum organized in Bangkok — the annual Training and Study Session for Asian Human Rights Defenders (16-28 November 2008, 18-30 October 2009, 17-29 October 2010) and the United Nations Advocacy Training and Study Session for Asian Human Rights Defenders (29 June-6 July 2008, 5-11 July 2009, 19-25 November 2010) — capacitated participants with necessary knowledge and skills for better understanding and engaging with the Human Rights Council, the universal periodic review, special procedures and treaty bodies.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period, representatives of the Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development regularly attended the meetings of the Human Rights Council and its subsidiary mechanisms in Geneva, including the regular and special sessions of the Council, the working group sessions of the universal periodic review, meetings of the intersessional open-ended intergovernmental working group and the Preparatory Committee for the Durban Review Conference, etc. It actively participated in those proceedings and dialogues by submitting written statements, delivering oral statements and organizing parallel events, in order to highlight the issues, concerns and situations of human rights in the Asian region, which require the attention of the Human Rights Council.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In addition to the written and oral statements to the official meetings of the Human Rights Council, the organization initiated a survey to solicit the inputs of national human rights organizations regarding the accessibility, visibility and credibility of the Human Rights Council, in order to contribute voices from the ground to the five-year review process of the Council in 2011.

The organization was invited and contributed to the promotion of dialogue and cooperation between civil society and member States at the fifteenth Workshop of the Framework on Regional Cooperation for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights in Asia-Pacific, organized by OHCHR in Bangkok from 21 to 23 April 2010.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development organized the Regional Consultation on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in Bangkok on 13 and 14 July 2009, bringing together human rights defenders and development advocates from

Asia to develop their rights-based perspectives on the Millennium Development Goals and relevant implementation strategies. In the Consultation, representatives of the United Nations Millennium Campaign based in Bangkok provided their expertise on the linkages between core human rights treaties and the Millennium Development Goals.

The organization conducted the Regional Consultation on Development and Human Rights: Rule of Law and Democracy in Advancing Economic, Social and Cultural Rights — Right to Development and Development Cooperation (Bangkok, 17-19 August 2011). In addition to enhancing the common understanding on the interdependence and mutual reinforcement of development and human rights, the main objectives of the Consultation were in line with Millennium Development Goal 8, which looks at the issues of global partnership. In particular, the Consultation discussed opportunities for mainstreaming human rights-based approaches during the meetings of the United Nations Human Rights Council Working Group on the Right to Development (Geneva, 11-14 November 2011) and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development High-level Forum on Aid Effectiveness (Busan, 29 November-1 December 2011), in which the Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development actively participated.

3. Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development

General, 1996

Introduction

The Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development is a coordinating body of standing committees of parliamentarians on population and development, health, and social affairs from 25 parliaments of Asia, the Pacific and Central Asia.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization engages parliamentarians and other elected representatives in the International Conference on Population and Development Programme of Action to achieve sustainable development and address issues such as family planning, reproductive and maternal health, HIV/AIDS and harm reduction, human trafficking, migration, status of women and violence against women. It informs, educates, motivates and involves parliamentarians to be real agents of change. The programmes of the Forum are also geared towards the Millennium Development Goals, specifically health and gender-related issues. It also focuses on the impact of population on the environment, poverty, climate change and indigenous people.

Significant changes in the organization

Expanded areas of activities: the organization has seen a significant increase in member countries in 2011. The Parliament of Bhutan became an associate member of the organization and the Parliament of Pakistan became a full member. During 2008-2011, the Asian Forum also initiated programmes on male involvement in elimination of violence against women and indigenous parliamentarians.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The major programme of the organization makes a direct contribution to the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- Sixty-fourth session of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, 24 April 2008, Bangkok: a representative of the organization attended
- The United Nations High-level Meeting on AIDS, 10 June 2008, New York: the organization brought several parliamentarians from Asia and Pacific region to attend that event to strengthen the political commitment on HIV/AIDS
- The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific High-level Intergovernmental Meeting to Review Implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action and Its Regional and Global Outcome, 16 November 2009, Bangkok: a representative of the organization attended
- The Global NGO Advisory Panel Meeting of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), 13 July 2010 and 7 April 2011, New York; the Executive Director of the organization attended as a member of the Panel
- Forty-fourth session of the United Nations Commission on Population and Development, 11 April 2011, New York; a representative of the organization attended.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Forum carried out most of its activities in close collaboration with United Nations bodies, especially UNFPA and UNAIDS. During the period covered by the present report, it organized at least 31 activities with UNFPA, two activities with the World Health Organization, one activity with UNAIDS and one activity with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Millennium Development Goals Campaign. The organization received the United Nations Population Award in 2010.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The Millennium Development Goals have been among the most crucial priorities of the Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development. Major activities which had been carried out during 2008-2011 include the following:

(a) Goal 1: Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger. Climate change and food security was the main topic of the ninth General Assembly of the organization. During the reporting period, the organization also convened many meetings with specific emphasis on combating poverty.

(b) Goal 3: Promote gender equality and empower women. The organization has a strong commitment on gender equality and women's empowerment. Its Standing Committee on the Status of Women and its Male Standing Committee on the Elimination of Violence against Women were formed inside the Asian Forum's system to deal with this issue. Female parliamentarians have also been encouraged to participate in programmes of the Forum. Despite a considerably low percentage of female representation in parliaments across Asia and the Pacific, the Forum

involved roughly the same number of female parliamentarians in comparison to male parliamentarians. It organizes a Regional Women Ministers' and Parliamentarians' Conference in collaboration with UNFPA on a yearly basis.

(c) Goal 5: Improve maternal health. The Asian Forum promoted maternal health issues among parliamentarians and organized a regional consultation on maternal health in collaboration with UNFPA in Bali, Indonesia, from 13 to 15 August 2009, and follow-up at the country level.

(d) Goal 6: Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases. HIV/AIDS has been integrated into many of the organization's meetings on population and development. The Asian Forum also brought Asian parliamentarians to attend the International AIDS Conference in Vienna and conducted a study visit on harm reduction in Portugal with support from the Global Drug Policy Programme. It supported the work of the Global Commission on HIV and the Law. Three members of the Commission were current and former parliamentarians. The Commission's consultation was also attended by parliamentarians sponsored by the organization.

4. Association for the Prevention of Torture

Special, 1996

Introduction

The Association for the Prevention of Torture is an international NGO based in Geneva, Switzerland, covering all regions of the world.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Vision: a world without torture. The organization works within three integrated areas: (a) transparency and monitoring of places of detention; (b) effective legal and policy frameworks; and (c) national actors having the determination and will to prevent torture. It is behind the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, a global system to prevent torture.

Significant changes in the organization

In 2010, the organization opened a regional office for Latin America based in Panama, which focuses on implementation of the Optional Protocol to the Convention in the region.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Association for the Prevention of Torture is actively engaged in promoting ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention worldwide. It contributed to an increase from 31 (in 2008) to 63 States parties (May 2012). It also assists and supports States parties in implementation of the Optional Protocol at the stage of designation and establishment of national preventive mechanisms. Once such mechanisms have been designated, the Association contributes to their effective functioning through capacity-building workshops. It produced the following tools on the Optional Protocol: Manual on implementation of the Optional Protocol, 2010

(available in 8 languages); Optional Protocol briefings; online Optional Protocol Database (2010). In November 2011, the organization convened the first Global Forum on the Optional Protocol gathering 300 participants including all States parties, relevant United Nations bodies, national preventive mechanisms and civil society organizations. The Association promotes implementation at the national level of the United Nations Convention against Torture. It supports national processes on criminalization of torture (Madagascar, Morocco, Nepal, South Africa, Thailand and Uganda). Publications on the Convention against Torture: "Torture in International Law: a Guide to Jurisprudence" (2008, with the Center for Justice and International Law), available in four languages; online torture law database (2009).

The organization also contributes to OHCHR activities on prevention: submission to the questionnaire and panellist in the workshop on the "Role of prevention in the promotion and protection of human rights" (2011).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Examples of the Association's participation in United Nations meetings include: sessions of the Committee against Torture and the Human Rights Committee (International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights) in Geneva; sessions of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture, as member of the Optional Protocol Contact Group; meetings of the International Coordination Committee for National Human Rights Institutions and its annual conferences (ninth Conference, Nairobi, October 2008; tenth Conference, Edinburgh, October 2010); Human Rights Council and universal periodic review; OHCHR regional consultations on cooperation between the United Nations and regional mechanisms in 2009 (Washington and Nairobi) and in 2011 on torture prevention (Washington and Geneva); General Assembly and its Third Committee; United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) Congress in Brazil (2010) and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (2010).

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Since the first meeting of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture in 2008, the organization is actively cooperating and supporting its work. In 2010, for the increase from 10 to 25 members, it encouraged States to present appropriate candidates. It is inviting members of the Subcommittee to participate in its Optional Protocol in-country activities (eight invitations annually) and contributing to Subcommittee preparatory missions (Mexico, 2008; Paraguay, 2009; Lebanon, 2010; Brazil, 2011). Members of the Subcommittee participated in the Global Forum of the Association for the Prevention of Torture on the Optional Protocol to the Convention, Geneva, 2011.

The Association for the Prevention of Torture is also supporting the work of the Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, e.g., through submission of information prior to in-country visits. The Special Rapporteur was the keynote speaker in the Association's Global Forum on the Optional Protocol to the United Nations Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment in 2011. The Association is also working with the Committee against Torture and co-organized, with its Chairperson, two conferences in Washington University (2010 and 2011). The Association submitted comments on the Committee's draft General Comments on

article 14 (2011). Partnerships and joint activities with OHCHR: joint guide on torture prevention for national human rights institutions; joint conference on torture prevention in Africa (Dakar 2010); joint workshops with OHCHR national offices in Benin, Kyrgyzstan, Nepal, Senegal, Tajikistan, Thailand and Togo; joint regional conference with UNDP in Bratislava, 2010.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The work of the Association for the Prevention of Torture on the ratification and implementation of the Optional Protocol contributes to the rule of law, full protection and promotion of all human rights and respect for article 5 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Its activities in Africa and its key role in the Committee for the Prevention of Torture in Africa contribute to support the creation of independent institutions and a regional dynamic on torture prevention. The Association also initiated and contributed to cooperation between the United Nations and regional organizations: Association for the Prevention of Torture/ European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, Conference on New Partnerships for Torture Prevention in Europe (Strasbourg, 2009); the Regional Conference on the Prevention of Torture in Africa (Dakar, 2010 with the African Commission) expert workshop on monitoring places of detention (American University, Washington, D.C., 2011).

5. Association of Families and Women in Rural Areas

Special, 2004

Introduction

The Association of Families and Women in Rural Areas, was founded by the current President of the Association in 1982, taking as a basic the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, approved and proclaimed on 10 December 1948, by the General Assembly.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aims and purposes of the organization are to pursue the defence of the rights and equal opportunities for women living in rural areas. They coincide with the different areas of the Beijing 1995 Platform, in which it was accredited. It works with women living in rural areas because the environment they live in provides fewer opportunities than an urban environment, to try to obtain for them real equality in the different areas of their lives, such as training, health, economy, work, culture, power and decision-making, violence, education, the media and the environment. The organization works to improve the situation of women living in rural areas, trying to improve their quality of life and fighting for them to achieve the necessary conditions for sustainable development in those areas with the aim of avoiding the exodus of young women to urban areas and in this way stop the rural population from growing older. Through meetings with public organizations, it is working to achieve the necessary conditions: rural kindergartens, social recognition of the work of women in rural areas, and so forth, that help to keep the young population living in the environment in which they were born.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no relevant statutory changes to: (a) geographical increase of members; (b) sources of income; and (c) any affiliation with other NGOs in consultative status.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Periodic information in the magazine edited twice a year by the Association of Families and Women in Rural Areas, on current topics of interest of the United Nations:

- Magazine, winter-spring 2008. Report on the Association's participation in the fifty-second session of the Commission on the Status of Women in New York, from 25 February to 7 March 2008
- Magazine, autumn-winter 2008. Report on the Association's participation in the sixty-first annual Department of Public Information/Non-Governmental Organizations Conference on Human Rights in Paris, from 3 to 5 September 2008
- Magazine, spring 2009. Report on the Association's participation in the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women in New York, from 2 to 13 March 2009
- Magazine, autumn 2009. Report about General Assembly resolution 63/311
- Magazine, spring 2010. Report on the Association's participation in the fifty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women in New York, from 1 to 12 March 2010
- Magazine, summer-autumn 2010. Report about the appointment of Michelle Bachelet as Executive Director of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)
- Magazine, autumn 2011. Report on the Association's participation in the sixty-fourth annual Department of Public Information/Non-Governmental Organizations Conference in New York, from 3 to 5 September 2011.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Association of Families and Women in Rural Areas participated in all the activities indicated in the previous paragraph and in the fifty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women with the priority theme "Access and participation of women and girls to education, training, science and technology, including the promotion of women's equal access to full employment and decent work", from 22 February to 4 March 2011 in New York.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization tries to cooperate with United Nations bodies in every way it can from Spain.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Among the Millennium Development Goals, the Association of Families and Women in Rural Areas identifies the most with Goal 3: "To promote gender equality and empower women", as that is one of the main objectives of the Association, so every year it writes the Manifesto claiming the concept of equality as a right of women, at the International Women's Day on 8 March; the Manifesto claiming the concept of equality as a right of rural women at the International Day of Rural Women on 15 October; the Manifesto claiming the end of violence against women, at the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women on 25 November.

6. AVSI Foundation

General, 1996

Aims and purposes of the organization

Amendment to by-laws in 2004: see previous quadrennial report (E/C.2/2009/2/Add.28); no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

- For the sixtieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the AVSI Foundation carried out a year-long multimedia and multi-country campaign on children in armed conflict, culminating in its exhibition "War, Hope and Peace", displayed at United Nations, Geneva, from 25 February to 14 March, and at the European Parliament, Paul-Henri Spaak Building, Brussels, from 15 to 19 September 2008.
- On 11 June 2009, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Rome, within the Group of Eight (G-8) Development Ministers' Meeting, the Foundation organized a side event, "The human being at the core of development policies".
- In the annual cultural festival "Meeting Rimini" (Italy) in August 2008, the Foundation organized panels on AIDS (Uganda and Paraguay), and on education and vulnerable children and food crisis/security in 2010, and in 2011 to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the "International Year of Volunteers".

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- The organization's Vice-President participated in the July sessions of the Economic and Social Council and submitted two written statements at the 2009 (E/2009/NGO/7) and 2011 (E/2011/NGO/27) sessions.
- The representative of the AVSI Foundation attended the forty-ninth session of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (Geneva, 15 September-3 October 2008), contributing a paper entitled "The right of the child to education in emergency situations", and in the Geneva celebration of the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (8 and 9 October 2009). The organization's representative in East Asia attended (Bangkok, 28-30 January 2009) the workshop on agriculture, water and livelihoods organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the

Secretariat in view of the seventeenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development.

- The Vice-President of the Foundation attended the United Nations Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and Its Impact on Development (New York, June 2009). The Vice-President attended the Economic and Social Council Ministerial session and the Global Compact Leaders' Summit (New York, June 2010).
- The Vice-President attended the United Nations Private Sector Forum: Sustainable Energy for All (New York, General Assembly Lobby, 20 September 2011).

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Inter-Agency Standing Committees: participation in the Education Cluster working group, Geneva, 21-26 June 2009; Washington, D.C., 11-13 October 2010. United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF): in Bogotá, Colombia, 18 November 2009, presentation by the AVSI Foundation at the UNICEF/USAID Conference on children in illegal and criminal groups.

Field cooperation programmes in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, particularly the Programme of Expanded Assistance to Return (PEAR) and Réponse rapide aux mouvements de populations (RRMP), 2008-2011; coedited booklets on education in emergencies); in Haiti (particularly after the earthquake; nine memorandums signed); Burundi; Rwanda; Kenya; South Sudan (education, protection, girls, psychosocial); Uganda (health care and Water, Sanitation and Hygiene for All (WASH)). UNHCR: operations in Uganda (internally displaced peoples and returnees in the North; coedited publications); Kenya (education in Dadaab camps) and South Sudan (internally displaced persons). OHCHR: Port-au-Prince, Haiti, 15 March 2011, OHCHR and the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH) awarded the representative of AVSI "Honor and merit to AVSI for its commitment for the rights of the vulnerable people".

UNDP: operational projects in Jordan ("Inclusion of disabled through technology and networking"; support for Iraqi refugees in Amman); in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (education) and in South Sudan (vocational training).

UNODC: an operational project (2011-2013) in Minas Gerais, Brazil; youth violence prevention.

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO): operational projects in Myanmar, Rwanda, Uganda, Haiti. The World Food Programme (WFP): projects in Myanmar, Haiti and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Dozens of seminars in more than 15 countries on the Millennium Development Goals and celebrations of World Food Day (Haiti, Myanmar, Uganda); World AIDS Day (Rome, 2011), Capitol building, including videos "Free" and "Greater-Defeating AIDS"; International Women's Day (Ethiopia, 2011).

The Foundation's results (yearly averages) towards the Millennium Development Goals: direct beneficiaries: 4 million; educational centres: 157; supported school

access: 173,000 impoverished children (86,000 girls); health-care beneficiaries: 1,888,600 (Prevention of HIV/AIDS; Preventing Mother-to-Child Transmission (PMTCT): 35,863 mothers); water supply systems: 275; teachers, social workers, professionals trained: 14,197; income generation/microcredit support: 14,230; and urban upgrading beneficiaries: 180,000.

7. Baltic Sea Forum

Special, 2008

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Baltic Sea Forum contributes to implementing the United Nations Millennium Development Goals, especially on health subjects, poverty eradication, decent work, education, environmental subjects and global partnerships, by organizing NGO forums and lunch events, sponsoring workshops, and making oral and written statements.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In September 2008, a representative attended the sixty-first Annual Department of Public Information/Non-Governmental Organizations Conference with the theme: "Reaffirming human rights: The Universal Declaration at 60", at the Headquarters of United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in Paris, and was a speaker at a midday workshop on the topic "Reconciling human rights with State security" on 3 September 2008.

The main representative attended the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women in March 2009 and, in March 2010, the fifty-fourth session of the Commission.

In August 2010, a representative attended the sixty-third Annual Department of Public Information/Non-Governmental Organizations Conference in Melbourne, Australia on the subject "Advance global health — Achieve the Millennium Development Goals".

The organization sponsored a workshop in Melbourne on 1 September 2010 entitled "New ways of working together: geopolitical dimensions of Environmental Health — Model Area Baltic Sea region", with the representative as speaker.

The President and the main representative attended the forty-ninth session of the Commission for Social Development (9-18 February 2011) on the main subject, "Poverty Eradication".

The President delivered a statement entitled "Business development as an economic programme for a fairer world — Northern Europe as best practice in the fight against poverty" at United Nations Headquarters on 10 February 2011.

On 16 June 2011, a representative attended the Informal Interactive Hearing on Non-communicable Diseases and issued a statement: "Specific contribution of the Meikirch Model, a new definition of health, to the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases".

On 19 and 20 September 2011, two representatives attended the High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of non-communicable diseases.

From 3 to 5 September 2011, the Main Representative and five representatives attended the sixth-fourth Annual Department of Public Information/Non-Governmental Organizations Conference with the theme: "Sustainable societies: Responsive citizens", in Bonn, Germany. The organization presented an exhibition on sustainability and public health: "Social sustainability — Increasing value for societies by creating a mutual understanding of health and disease; and sea, our future: Energy from the ocean".

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

At the sixty-fourth Annual Department of Public Information/Non-Governmental Organizations Conference in Bonn, the main representative was a member of the Planning Committee, German Focal Group — Workshops.

In 2011, the organization prepared and organized a civil society forum on the implementation of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals in collaboration with the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Non-Governmental Organizations Branch, to be held in 2013.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

In May 2009, the Baltic Sea Forum organized and sponsored an NGO forum at the International Court of the Law of the Sea in Hamburg, Germany, with the President of the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council as guest of honour, based in New York, and his assistant, based in Geneva.

In February 2011, the Baltic Sea Forum sponsored, and the main representative organized, a luncheon event in the auditorium of the Permanent Mission of Germany to the United Nations to support the implementation of Millennium Development Goal 1. The President made a speech as panellist, introducing the subject: "Business development as an economic programme for a fairer world — best practice examples from Northern Europe in the fight against poverty".

8. Batani International Development Fund for Indigenous Peoples of the North, Siberia and the Far East of the Russian Federation

Special, 2008

Introduction

The Batani International Development Fund for Indigenous Peoples of the North, Siberia and the Far East of the Russian Federation was established at the instigation of the management of the Association of Small-numbered Indigenous Peoples of the North, Siberia and the Far East of the Russian Federation (RAIPON) and the Danish organization TGK Consult in August 2004.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Batani Fund was established with the aim of helping the indigenous peoples of the North in protecting their rights by distributing information, carrying out

educational activities and encouraging participation of the small-numbered indigenous peoples' representatives in political and economic life of the country and abroad. The Fund is paving the way for cooperation on the international, national and regional levels between industrial and mining companies, State authorities, local authorities, NGOs, entrepreneurs and other juridical and physical persons that are involved in activities affecting the interests of the small-numbered indigenous peoples. The Fund is promoting a wider participation of the general public in the decision-making process regarding protection of the rights and interests of the small-numbered indigenous peoples of the North, Siberia and the Far East of the Russian Federation.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Batani Fund made the following contributions:

(a) In April 2010, at the ninth session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, Pavel Sulyandziga, the President of the Fund, presented the report on corporations and indigenous peoples;

(b) The Fund co-initiated a proposal to consider the situation of indigenous peoples in the Eastern European countries, which included the recommendations of the tenth session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues;

(c) In 2011, the Fund became a participant in the United Nations Global Compact Network;

(d) In the framework of the tenth session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, the Fund organized a side event, "Indigenous peoples communities and industrial companies: Experience in the Russian Federation", on 18 May 2011;

(e) The Fund organized an international conference in cooperation with the United Nations Global Compact Network of the Russian Federation, "United Nations Global Compact in the Russian Federation: business and indigenous peoples", in Moscow on 12 September 2011.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In 2008, a representative of the Batani Fund attended the following meetings, related to the indigenous peoples and environmental protection: the Principality of Monaco, 20-22 February; New York, 21 April-2 May; and Geneva, 17 and 18 November.

In 2009, representatives of the Fund attended the following meetings, related to the indigenous peoples, genetic resources and environmental protection: Nairobi, 14-20 February; Paris, 2-8 April; New York, 18-29 May; Hyderabad, India, 16-19 June; and Montreal, Canada, 2-6 November.

In 2010, representatives of the Fund attended the following meetings related to the indigenous peoples: Geneva, 12 and 13 January; Bali, Indonesia, 21 and 22 February; Cali, Colombia, 13-15 March; and New York, 19-28 April.

In 2011, representatives of the Fund attended the meeting related to the indigenous peoples in New York, 16-27 May.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The following are examples of the Batani Fund's cooperation with United Nations bodies:

(a) The demonstration project in collaboration with the Global Environment Facility and the United Nations Environment Programme initiative on "Environmental co-management of extracting companies, authorities and indigenous peoples of the North", Russian Federation, 2007-2008;

(b) Grant from the Department of Economic and Social Affairs: Assistance to indigenous communities of the Russian Federation affected by oil and gas development, Russian Federation, 2008;

(c) Project of the International Forum of Indigenous Peoples on Biological Diversity. In the framework of this project, the Batani Fund prepared the report for the International Forum and the secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity concerning the participation of Russian indigenous peoples in the realization of the Convention, Russian Federation, 2009.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The Batani Fund's activity, directed at the training of indigenous leaders to conduct negotiations with companies and using the international mechanisms and standards of social corporate responsibility, increases their ability to interact with companies to defend their territory from the illegal seizure industry. To accomplish this purpose, the Fund organized seminars, a training course, round tables and conferences; the last one was organized in Moscow, on 12 September 2011.

The Batani Fund's activity, aimed at economic development of indigenous peoples' communities, is a contribution to the overall work of the international community to eradicate poverty worldwide.

For this goal, the project with the Sakhalin Energy Investment Company Ltd., "Programme of microloans on the traditional economic development of indigenous peoples of the North in the Sakhalin area", Russian Federation, 2011-2012.

9. Bochasanwasi Shri Akshar Purushottam Swaminarayan Sanstha

General, 2000

Introduction

Bochasanwasi Shri Akshar Purushottam Swaminarayan Sanstha (BAPS) provides spiritual, social and community services, spanning from disaster relief to value-based living programmes, through a network of centres and dedicated volunteers in South Asia, North America, Europe, Australia and Africa.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's ethos of selfless service has inspired a host of activities that serve to promote the general well-being and rights of the individual, family and community.

Significant changes in the organizations

The organization has not undergone any organizational change with a significant impact on its scope or programmes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization's work aligns closely with the work of the United Nations and supports education, humanitarian aid, health care and environmental, cultural and community development programmes throughout the world. It should be noted that BAPS Charities, an independent, non-religious affiliate of the organization, carries out charitable programmes that are not spiritually oriented in the United States of America, Canada and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

In the 2008-2012 reporting period, the organization and its charities have served communities around the world through:

(a) Investing in children and youth: the organization conducts over 5,400 weekly assemblies for children and 850 assemblies for youth across its international centres. Programmes include leadership seminars, personal counselling, skills development, educational and professional guidance, and team-building activities;

(b) Preserving cultural heritage: the organization hosts two international research centres in New Delhi and Ahmedabad, India, dedicated to cultural research, arts and coexistence. It has over 100 cultural centres in North America, Europe, Africa and the Asia-Pacific region which promote traditional Indian music, art and language;

(c) Community development and social harmony: BAPS Charities annually hosts nearly 61 walkathons or sponsored walks across North America and the United Kingdom with over 15,400 walkers benefiting over 35 community organizations such as Habitat for Humanity, the American Cancer Society and the American Diabetes Association, the SickKids Foundation in Canada and Diabetes UK. It also participates in various interfaith programmes and "Open House/Day" events to bring about greater understanding between diverse communities;

(d) Humanitarian services: the organization supported disaster relief efforts for the Bihar, India floods (2008), the Gujarat, India, floods (2009), and the Christchurch, New Zealand, and the Haiti earthquakes in 2010, and the Japan tsunami relief in 2011.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Participation included the following:

(a) Representatives attended the fifty-second session of the Commission on the Status of Women (March 2008);

(b) Sixteen representatives attended the Youth Assembly of the Friends Ambassadors Foundation (FAF) at the United Nations Headquarters (August 2009);

(c) Representatives attended the NGO/Department of Public Information Briefing, "Building bridges between cultures: A closer look at Hinduism" (January 2010);

(d) Fifteen representatives attended the FAF Youth Assembly at the United Nations (January 2012);

(e) Participation in the International Day of Peace (21 September);

(f) Observance of the Universal Children's Day (20 November) in 2009 and 2011;

(g) Observance of the International Year of Youth, 2010-2011.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization partnered with UNICEF in Haiti, donating $63,678 to help to construct over 400 camps for displaced individuals and to provide children with education, clean water, sanitation and health services.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Goal 1: Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger

Aapki Rasoi-BAPS partnered with the Government of India to provide a full meal for the poorest residents and homeless in Delhi (2008-2009).

The organization partnered with Earthwalkers, Inc. to provide 1,425 underprivileged children with shoes in rural India.

Goal 2: Achieve universal primary education

The organization awards nearly 5,000 educational scholarships annually to underprivileged children in India.

Goal 3: Promote gender equality and empower women

The organization celebrated International Women's Day across India, North America and Europe on an annual basis. Themes included "Investing in women" and "Nurturing families, shaping communities".

It promotes development for girls and young women through its international centres with leadership, education and cultural programmes.

Goal 6: Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases

The organization held over 100 health fairs with a focus on preventative care across its centres, benefiting over 50,000 participants. Bone marrow drives are also organized in United States and the United Kingdom.

It delivered over 150 lectures to raise awareness and focus on prevention of illnesses such as diabetes, breast cancer and heart disease.

It operates nine charitable hospitals and provides mobile medical services to rural areas in India.

Goal 7: Ensure environmental sustainability

The organization promotes environmental consciousness through awareness campaigns (such as Earth Day and Earth Hour and the Project Bhumi initiative) and the use of green technologies (solar-powered facilities) and practical efforts (paper recycling and tree-planting projects) throughout its international centres.

10. Catholic Institute for International Relations

Special, 1996

Introduction

The Catholic Institute for International Relations (CIIR) is registered as a charity in the United Kingdom.

The organization has registered the working name of "Progressio" with the United Kingdom Charity Commission. Its legally registered name remains CIIR.

Since 2008, the Institute has undertaken work in the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Haiti, Honduras, Malawi, Nicaragua, Peru, Somalia, Timor-Leste, Yemen and Zimbabwe.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization tackles poverty and injustice in three ways:

(a) It places development workers with partner organizations, to find and implement the sort of responses they need to tackle poverty and its causes effectively. It also sends young volunteers to work alongside local young people on community projects in Africa and Latin America;

(b) It brings the voices of its partners to global policy debates and advocates for changes in policy, practice and attitudes that keep people poor and marginalized;

(c) It engages with members, supporters and others in the North, enabling them to be more informed on issues of poverty and to act in solidarity.

The objectives of the Catholic Institute for International Relations, as stated in its articles of association, include: relieving poverty, sickness and distress around the world; promoting public education and research on the nature, causes and effects of poverty; promoting any Christian or moral consideration of those issues; and fostering tolerance and respect between different faith groups working together to tackle poverty, inequity, sickness and distress.

Significant changes in the organization

In 2008, the Institute adopted a new five-year programme of work, in line with its underlying programme objectives.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The following projects were implemented in partnership with United Nations organizations: UNICEF (Yemen): HIV and AIDS in Yemen, building from the base (2007-2008), $53,108; UNIFEM "Somaliland", Somalia, reducing incidences of violence against women living with HIV and AIDS in "Somaliland" (2009), $50,000; UNIFEM ("Somaliland", Somalia), strengthening women's participation and political representation in "Somaliland" (2009), $50,000; UN-Women (Timor-Leste), institutional strengthening of caucus: Feto Iha Politica (2009-2010), $20,017.58; UNICEF (Dominican Republic/Haiti), distribution of hygiene kits in camps (2010), $20,000; UNHCR (Haiti), multisectoral support to internally displaced persons (2010), $290,000; UNDP (Dominican Republic/Haiti), participatory local

development (2010-2011), $147,000; UNFPA (Dominican Republic/Haiti), local development and participatory budget planning in the province of Dajabón (2010-2011), $23,730: UNFPA (Dominican Republic/Haiti), prevention of gender-based violence (2011), $72,000; UNAIDS (Yemen), rights of people living with HIV in Yemen (2011), $5,000; UNFPA (Dominican Republic/Haiti), local development in Independencia (border region) (2011-2012), $12,000; and UNICEF (Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria in "Somaliland", Somalia), Integrated prevention treatment care support in "Somaliland" (2010-2011), $1,398,227.75.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Observers of the Institute attended the following United Nations meetings: Economic and Social Council High-level segment, 2008, New York (meeting addressed by the Institute's representative); and United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change: fifteenth Conference of the Parties (Copenhagen, 2009) and the sixteenth Conference of the Parties (Cancún, 2010). Intersessional meetings of the Convention were attended in 2009, 2010 and 2011.

The Institute will participate in the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Brazil, June 2012). Its limited resources mean that it has focused its attendance at United Nations meetings on those where it feels its contribution is strategic.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

A submission was made for the consultation on the zero draft document for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development in Brazil.

The Institute engages regularly with the Government of the United Kingdom on issues related to its charitable objectives.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The Institute's current programme objectives are directed towards the following thematic areas, linked to the Millennium Development Goals as follows: sustainable environment — supporting communities and civil society organizations in the sustainable management of natural resources (Goal 7: Environmental sustainability).

HIV: Supporting organizations which work to support people living with HIV, to reduce HIV transmission, and to reduce the stigma associated with HIV (Goal 5: Combat HIV and AIDS). Promoting effective governance and the participation of poor communities in their own development: This is an essential requirement for the delivery of the Millennium Development Goals.

Through its policy work, the Institute seeks to bring the voices of poorer and marginalized communities to decision makers, increasing public support for the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.

Additional information

The Institute's annual reports are available at www.progressio.org.uk/transparency. Further details of projects, evaluations and policies can also be found there. The organization is implementing the International Aid Transparency Initiative standard.

11. Center for Justice and International Law

Special, 1996

Introduction

The Center for Justice and International Law (Special consultative status granted in 1996) is a non-profit, non-governmental organization that works to defend and promote human rights in the Americas.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The principal objective of the Center for Justice and International Law is to achieve the full implementation of international human rights norms in the States members of the Organization of American States through the use of the Inter-American System for the Protection of Human Rights and other international protection mechanisms. The Center's mandate is fulfilled through work in four strategic lines of intervention: legal defence, empowering human rights defenders and other key actors, knowledge management and dissemination, and strengthening the Inter-American system.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Center for Justice and International Law published several books that discuss United Nations treaty bodies, including: *Torture in International Law* (2009), which includes a chapter on United Nations treaty bodies; *The Right to Education for Disabled Persons Living in Latin America and the Caribbean* (2009), which was written in partnership with Vernon Muñoz, the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the right to education; and *Summaries of Jurisprudence: Gender Violence* (2010), which includes a chapter on decisions of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women.

The Center issued numerous press releases that make mention of the United Nations and its work, such as "UN condemns impunity surrounding human rights violations in Honduras" (18 March 2010) and "CEJIL welcomes creation of a United Nations Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence" (29 September 2011).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In September 2009, Viviana Krsticevic, the Executive Director of the Center, and Marcia Aguiluz, Attorney at the Center, travelled to United Nations Headquarters in New York during the General Assembly session. Ms. Krsticevic and Ms. Aguiluz took advantage of the opportunity to hold formal and informal meetings with State representatives to discuss the June 2009 coup d'état in Honduras and the precarious human rights situation following the coup.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

- Financial assistance from the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011 to litigate cases involving torture in the Americas

- Financial assistance from the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) in 2008 and 2009 for capacity-building work in the Southern Cone regarding the Convention of Belém do Pará
- Financial assistance from the United Nations Voluntary Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery in 2009, 2010 and 2011 for anti-slave work in Brazil
- In November 2009, the Center and the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the right to education participated in a thematic hearing before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights on the right to education for persons with disabilities in the Americas
- In April 2010, the Center, in partnership with the Association of Judges for Democracy, sponsored an international seminar on judicial independence in Honduras, in which the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers participated as a panellist
- Throughout 2010, the Center conducted numerous activities surrounding the United Nations universal periodic review in Honduras. Those activities included drafting and submitting documents to the United Nations and holding meetings with officials from the United Nations, among many others
- In November 2009, Alejandra Nuño, Director of the Center's Programme on Central America and Mexico, participated as a panellist in the seminar "Regional Conference on Refugee Protection and International Migration in the Americas -- Protection Considerations in the Context of Mixed Migration", sponsored by UNHCR.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Goal 3: Promote gender equality and empower women: (a) number of cases related to women and women's rights: 22; (b) number of training sessions on women's rights or for women's human rights defenders: 24; (c) number of publications on women's rights: 3; and (d) number of hearings on women's rights: 25.

Goal 5: Improve maternal health.

In 2008-2011, the Center continued to promote State compliance with the agreement in the case of *María Mamerita Mestanza Chávez v. Peru*, a case addressing the massive, compulsory and systematic government policy of forced sterilization as a means for rapidly altering the reproductive behaviour of poor, indigenous women.

Goal 6: Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases. Cases addressing the rights of people living with HIV/AIDS: 1.

Goal 7: Ensure environmental sustainability. Cases related to environmental sustainability and environmental activists: 5.

Goal 8: Develop a global partnership for development (Target 14): (a) Bolivia cases: 4 (women's rights, illegal detentions); (b) Dominican Republic cases: 4 (forced disappearance, discrimination against persons of Haitian descent); and (c) Paraguay cases: 9 (child soldiers, youth prison facilities, indigenous rights).

12. Center for Women's Global Leadership

Special, 2000

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Center's contributions were as follows:

(a) NGO adviser, Inter-Agency Programme Appraisal Committee, United Nations Trust Fund to End Violence against Women, 2008-2011;

(b) Participated in the fourth Conference of the ETO-Consortium, Antwerp, Belgium, 17 and 18 May 2011;

(c) Led the seminar, "Rethinking Macroeconomic Strategies from a Human Rights Perspective", Poverty Group, Bureau for Development Policy, UNDP, New York, 16 February 2011;

(d) Contributed to the civil society cluster report on integrating human rights into macroeconomic policy in the United States, ninth session, universal periodic review, Geneva, 5 November 2010;

(e) "Say No to Violence against Women": participated in the Annual Conference on Strategic Imperatives for Ending Violence against Women, United States National Committee for UN-Women, New York, 12 June 2010;

(f) Submitted criteria for the position and operations of the Under-Secretary-General of UN-Women, on 26 October 2009 and in May 2008;

(g) Panellist, "Preparing for CSW 54: implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action", NGO Committee on the Status of Women, at United Nations Headquarters, New York, on 17 September 2009;

(h) Dedicated an annual global "16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence" campaign to celebrate the sixtieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 2008;

(i) Participated in the International AIDS Conference in Mexico City, 3-9 August 2008.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Center participated in the following meetings:

(a) From 2008 to 2011, participated in, and submitted statements on economic and social rights and gender equality at, annual sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women, United Nations Headquarters, New York;

(b) Panellist, "People at the Centre: Human Rights in Global Economics and Development, A discussion in commemoration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the United Nations Declaration on the Right to Development", OHCHR, United Nations Headquarters, New York, 5 December 2011;

(c) Submitted statements on gender equality, UN-Women Executive Board meetings, United Nations Headquarters, New York, 24 January, 27 June and 5 December 2011;

(d) Participated in the "Expert meeting on the potential impact of fiscal contraction on those living in extreme poverty", Geneva, 27 and 28 January 2011;

(e) Co-sponsored and participated in a side event at the ninth session of the United Nations universal periodic review, Geneva, 5 November 2010;

(f) Submitted a written statement, Economic and Social Council annual ministerial review, United Nations Headquarters, New York, 11 May 2010;

(g) Participated in sessions of the Human Rights Council, Geneva, 3-28 March and 2-18 June 2008; 5 June and 17 September 2009;

(h) Made an oral statement on United Nations gender equality architecture reform, European Commission for Europe, "Beijing+15" Review, Geneva, 2 and 3 November 2009;

(i) Panellist at a side event, eighth session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, United Nations Headquarters, New York, 29 May 2009;

(j) Participated in the High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on HIV/AIDS, United Nations Headquarters, New York, 10 and 11 June 2008.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

- Substantively partnered with the Say NO-UNiTE Campaign to End Violence against Women from 2008 to 2011
- Convened meeting with the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the right to food to explore the ways in which macroeconomic policy can effectively comply with human rights obligations, New Brunswick, NJ, 16 and 17 September 2011
- Convened meeting with the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the human right to safe drinking water and sanitation to contribute new analyses to better inform future reports, Lisbon, 31 March-1 April 2011
- Convened meeting with the United Nations Independent Expert on the question of human rights and extreme poverty, examining gendered dimensions and links with Millennium Development Goals, Geneva, 1 and 2 June 2010
- Presented "Half the World Deserves a Whole Voice: The Pandemic of Violence against Women", United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) Metro New York Chapter, New York, 16 November 2009.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

- Panellist, "Moving forward: Human rights and development — convergence and complementarity to 2015 and beyond", Center for Economic and Social Rights, New York, 24 September 2010
- Moderated panel, "The World We Want 2015: Outlining Future Strategies on the MDG Agenda", United Nations Non-Governmental Liaison Service, New York, 22 September 2010
- Rapporteur, Round table on poverty and hunger, United Nations Private Sector Forum on the Millennium Development Goals, United Nations Headquarters, New York, 22 September 2010

- Participated in the BBC World News world debate on the Millennium Development Goals, United Nations Headquarters, New York, 21 September 2010
- Presented "Addressing Crises at a Crossroads: A Day of Dialogue on Women and the MDGs", Feminist Task Force Global Call to Action against Poverty, New York, 20 September 2010
- Panellist, "The Impact of MDG 3 on MDG 7: How UN-Women Can Contribute to the Realization of Sustainable Development Goals", Baha'i International Community Office, New York, 15 September 2010
- Oral statements, Millennium Development Goals Summit Informal Interactive Hearings of the General Assembly with Non-governmental Organizations, Civil Society Organizations and the Private Sector, United Nations Headquarters, New York, 14 and 15 June 2010
- Participated in the keynote panel, "MDGs and human rights", co-sponsored by UNICEF and OHCHR, Harvard University, Boston, MA, 22 and 23 March 2010.

13. Centre for Social Research

Special, 1996

Introduction

The Centre for Social Research is one of the leading women's institutions working in the field of social action in India since 1983. The organization works at the grass-roots, regional and international levels to raise women's awareness of their rights, build inroads into decision-making institutions and eliminate violence against women. Its goal is to achieve economic self-sufficiency for women and raise awareness of social, political and legal issues. The Centre has four divisions: Development and Capacity-Building, Research, Gender Training Institute, and Networking and Advocacy.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Centre's mission is to empower the women and girls of India, guarantee their fundamental rights, and increase understanding of social issues from a gender perspective. It operates on local, national and regional levels in an effort to enhance the capacities of individuals, communities and institutions for creating a humane, equitable and gender-just society.

The organization also:

- Under the "Enhancing the Role of Women in Strengthening Democracy" training programme, trained 1,000 women from all three levels of governance for enhanced political leadership
- Trained 250 judicial officers on the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005
- Handled 1,600 cases of domestic violence

- Conducted gender sensitization training for enumerators for the 2011 census in Delhi, Haryana and Punjab
- Petitioned regarding the Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques Act to the Upper House of Parliament, 2010.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

- The Centre for Social Research is addressing seven critical areas of the Beijing Platform for Action (Women and: Poverty, Health, Violence, in Power and Decision-making, Media and Girl Child) through the implementation of projects: "Sarthak" in Uttar Pradesh; "Meri Shakti Meri Beti" in Haryana and Delhi, respectively; "Enhancing the Role of Women in Strengthening Democracy" training programme; "Human Rights Defenders" training; four crisis intervention centres across Delhi for women victims of domestic violence, appointed by the Government of India through its Delhi Commission for Women as the Nodal Agency for the Rape Crisis Intervention Centre for South West District of Delhi; members of several significant committees of Government, e.g., the National Committee on Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques, the National Mission for Empowerment.
- The Director of the Centre gave the keynote address at "Mexico Encounter 2010".
- The Director of the Centre participated in an expert meeting on "The Global Financial Crisis — Implications for Women", organized by the United Nations Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women, the Golda Meir Mount Carmel International Training Center (MCTC) and Israel's Agency for International Development Cooperation (MASHAV), 8-12 November 2009, MCTC Haifa, Israel.
- The Director of the Centre participated in "Promoting Empowerment of Women in Arab Countries", facilitated by the United Nations Special Adviser in 2010.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- The Director of the Centre made a presentation on "How women's political leadership has been supported and promoted in India" at the United Nations Development Programme Community of Practice Meeting on Electoral Cycle Support, convened by the UNDP Asia-Pacific Regional Centre in collaboration with UNDP Philippines (26-28 September 2011, Manila).
- "Customary Governance and Democracy Building: Exploring the Linkages", hosted by the Governance Division of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa in 2010 at the United Nations Conference Centre, Addis Ababa.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

- "Enhancing the role of women in strengthening democracy" with the United Nations Democracy Fund (UNDEF)
- "Meri Shakti, Meri Beti" with UNFPA.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Project Sarthak in the Varanasi district of Uttar Pradesh:

(a) Engaging women in income-generating activities (Goal 1);

(b) Additional income to spend some money on education (Goal 2);

(c) Reproductive child health to arrest child mortality and improve maternal health (Goals 3 and 4).

Additional information

The Director of the Centre for Social Research made a presentation, "National Seminar on Gender Equality — A Historical Perspective", on 9 and 10 January 2011 at Patna, Bihar, India.

14. Chabad: International Jewish Educational and Cultural Network

Special, 1996

Introduction

Chabad: International Jewish Educational and Cultural Network is an international Jewish organization dedicated to enhancing the physical welfare of the global community with social services and rehabilitation programmes that benefit the disadvantaged regardless of race, sexuality, religion or nationality.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Representatives of the organization, with its extensive network of more than 3,000 institutions in 80 countries, establish community centres and institutions in their locale and address its specific comprehensive needs while providing opportunities for sustainable development, better quality of life and the necessary resources for society-building. Ministering to world-wide humankind, the organization runs hundreds of pre-Kindergarten, elementary and high schools, day camps, cultural community centres, crisis intervention, immediate disaster response, temporary shelter and food relief, medical care, professional individual and group counselling for the suffering, foster care for orphaned children, advocacy for victims, resettlement and rebuilding efforts, life-saving rescue and evacuation, burial assistance, coordination and training of volunteers, and support for special needs children and adults.

The Friendship Circle: the fastest growing organization for children with special needs, the Friendship Circle has over 79 locations worldwide and close to 11,000 volunteers. It benefits more than 8,000 children by building them a kinder, better world where they can be participants and not just spectators. With the direction of a staff of professional leaders, the Friendship Circle community provides programmes, support and respite to families of special children, enriches the lives of the special children by engaging them in a full range of experiences and integrating them into the community through friendships with local teenagers and educational and social opportunities, and enables the volunteers to reap the rewards of selfless giving.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization has a full-time United Nations representative in New York who attends conferences and events at United Nations Headquarters on a regular basis and participates in meetings with heads of missions and heads of State frequently. The United Nations goals, specifically the Millennium Development Goals, are part and parcel of its vision, with great efforts directed at cooperating and bringing about their success. During the past four years, the organization's efforts relating to global health have been advanced, as well as its attention to education and poverty.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives of the organization attended the following meetings at United Nations Headquarters:

(a) Summit on climate change, 22 September 2009;

(b) Fifty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women — "Beijing+15", 1-12 March; Fourth High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development, 23 and 24 March; Informal Interactive Hearings of the General Assembly with Non-governmental Organizations, Civil Society Organizations and the Private Sector, 14 and 15 June; Summit on the Millennium Development Goals, 20-22 September; High-level meeting of the General Assembly as a contribution to the International Year of Biodiversity, 2010;

(c) First Intersessional Meeting for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development ("Rio+20"), 10 and 11 January; Special commemorative meeting of the General Assembly in observance of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Chernobyl disaster, 26 April; Commission on Sustainable Development, nineteenth session, 2-13 May; United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, tenth session, 16-27 May; Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, forty-ninth session, 11-29 July; High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Non-communic ›le Diseases, 19 and 20 September; High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on Decertification, 20 September; Launch of "Rio+20": The Future We Want, 22 November; Special Event on Cybersecurity and Development, 9 December 2011.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization's unique service for children at risk in Buenos Aires, named "Our Children" ("Ieladeinu" in Hebrew), has drawn the notice of the representatives of UNESCO and UNICEF. Well acquainted with the hopeless pattern of Latin America's street children and the dismal results of social service agencies trying to mainstream them, they praise Ieladeinu as a "model to be followed universally", worthy of influencing public policies on medical and social services programmes for children at risk. The findings have so captured the amazement of leaders in child care that they are the subject of a book, *Mistreatment of Children: The Innovative Approach of Ieladeinu, the Comprehensive Response of a Community Committed to Children*, published in 2008. To date, more than 800 children have been cared for by the programme, with 375 children in its care at present.

15. China Care and Compassion Society

Special, 2004

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

On 31 August 2008, the China Care and Compassion Society submitted the universal periodic review on China, "Views on freedom of religious belief in China", to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. The summary prepared by OHCHR for the fourth session of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review, 2-13 February 2009 (A/HRC/WG.6/4/CHN/3 of 5 January 2009), quoted, in paragraph 27, the suggestion and opinion of the Society.

On 9 February 2009, the Society attended the fourth session of the Human Rights Council Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review at the Palais des Nations, Geneva; heard the presentation by the Head of the Chinese delegation as well as other delegations' recommendations on the human rights report of the People's Republic of China. On 11 February, the Society heard the Working Group's presentation of reviews and reports on the report of China, welcomed the report and communicated with attendees to express the Society's support of the universal periodic review and the United Nations system.

On 11 June 2009, it contributed to the consideration of the universal periodic review report on China, at the Palais des Nations, Geneva. Under agenda item 6 at the 11th session of the Human Rights Council, the representative of the Society made a speech during the debate on China; she called on the Government of China and civil society to pay particular attention to "left-behind children" in rural areas and encourage various social sources, including NGOs, to solve practical difficulties of migrant families and their children in the National Plan of Action for Children. She said that the universal periodic review mechanism objectively and comprehensively reflected the human rights discourse in China.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

From 14 to 20 March 2008, the China Care and Compassion Society participated in the seventh session of the United Nations Human Rights Council, held in Geneva. The topics of the session include: item 4 (Human rights situations that require the Council's attention); item 5 (Human rights bodies and mechanisms); item 9 (Racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related forms of intolerance, follow-up to and implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action) and item 10 (Technical assistance and capacity-building).

On 28 and 29 April 2008, the Society participated in and made a speech at the Third Conference of the United Nations-NGO-Informal Regional Network/Asia-Pacific with the theme "Sustainable Development and Green Olympics", held in Beijing.

From 9 to 11 September 2009, the Society participated in the sixty-second session of the International Department of Public Information/Non-governmental Organization Conference, convened in Mexico City, with the theme "For peace and development: Disarm now!"

From 30 August to 1 September 2010, the Society participated in the sixty-third session of the International Department of Public Information/Non-governmental

Organization Conference with the topic "Advance global health: Achieve the MDGs", held in Melbourne, Australia.

From 3 to 5 September 2011, the Society participated in the sixty-fourth session of the International Department of Public Information/Non-governmental Organization Conference with the topic "Sustainable societies' responsive citizens", held in Bonn, Germany, and Round table I, "Shaping Sustainable Lifestyles and Livelihoods: Sustainable Consumption and Production Aspects of the Globalizing World".

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

From 2008 to 2011, the Society held a yearly Summit Forum on Women's Health in Beijing, published a book on healthy heart strategy and prevention and therapy of cardiovascular disease and gave out 8,000 copies to schools and community residents, and waged a massive publicity campaign of prevention against cardiovascular disease on World Heart Day to show genuine care for women's cardiac and mental health. Those campaigns were reported and reprinted by the mass media with their networks.

In 2008, the Society, as a member of the local organizing committee of the Seventh Asia-Europe People's Forum, did preparatory work and participated in the Forum with the theme "For social and ecological justice", held in Beijing from 13 to 15 October 2008; co-held and organized Panel 9: Workshop on "Progress and Challenges to People-centred Democratization and Human Rights in Asia and Europe" under Cluster 3 (Participatory Democracy and Human Rights).

From 1 to 4 December 2008, the Society participated in the "World Family Summit+4", held in Cairo, with the theme "Lives in the balance: A global mobilization towards the achievement of Millennium Development Goals 4 and 5: Ensuring the rights to survival, to protection and to development". It joined the discussion on the Cairo Declaration and called for assistance to the children and families in rural areas, maintaining the stability and welfare of the family.